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Caroline's practice is focussed upon personal injury, clinical negligence, inquests and costs work. Within her personal injury practice she has particular experience of workplace claims including claims involving work-related stress, upper arm RSI, respiratory disease and industrial deafness. Her caseload includes catastrophic injury cases, occupational disease cases, accidents suffered abroad and fatal accidents. Caroline has a substantial clinical negligence practice which encompasses claims against all branches of the medical professions. She is regularly instructed on behalf of claimants, healthcare trusts and private healthcare providers. She appears frequently in the Coroner's Court on behalf of public bodies, individual interested persons and bereaved families and has experience of Article 2 and jury inquests, and of cross-examination of court-appointed expert witnesses. She also undertakes a considerable body of costs work, particularly concerning costs issues arising in the context of personal injury and clinical negligence work.

Caroline writes and lectures regularly on a range of current issues.

Areas of expertise

Personal Injury

Inquests

Clinical Negligence

Costs and Litigation Funding

Commercial

Clinical Negligence

Caroline has a well-established clinical negligence practice covering all branches of the medical professions and is regularly instructed on behalf of claimants, healthcare trusts and private healthcare providers. Over the course of the past 12 months she has represented claimants and defendants in cases alleging negligence against General Practitioners, general surgeons, colorectal surgeons, spinal surgeons, oncologists, gastroenterologists, dentists, orthodontists, nurses and ophthalmologists, advising on a wide range of issues including delayed diagnosis, misdiagnosis, surgical errors and negligent nursing care.

Recent cases have included:

- Failure to diagnose necrotising fasciitis, resulting in extensive surgical debridement and disfigurement;
- Failure to prescribe appropriate post-surgery prophylaxis to a patient known to be at raised risk of

pulmonary embolism;

- Failure on the part of neighbouring healthcare trusts to arrange timely transfer of a patient with extremely complex healthcare needs, resulting in the patient's death;
- Surgical errors, including negligent execution of surgery and failure to diagnose and treat post-operative complications.

Memberships

- Personal Injury Bar Association (PIBA)

Qualifications

- Inns of Court School of Law BVC – Highly Competent: 2004-2005
- Lord Mansfield Scholarship, Lincolns Inn: 2004
- Oxford Brookes University GDpL: 2002-2003
- Hardwicke Entrance Scholarship and Lord Bowen Scholarship, Lincolns Inn: 2002
- St Hilda's College, Oxford BA Modern History 1st Class: 1999-2002

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