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Introduction

Heather joined chambers in 2017 following over 7 years' litigation experience in 2 well-known solicitors' firms in central London specialising in insurance where she was instructed in almost every conceivable type of claim that might be expected in a defendant insurance practice. Her practice included claims for personal injury (including road traffic claims and public and employers' liability matters), clinical negligence, property damage, construction, inquests, and discrimination. Heather also handled subrogated and recovery claims for clients on a regular basis. Heather regularly advised in respect of policy coverage matters and contractual issues. She handled claims ranging in value and complexity from small claims matters to those in excess of £1 million and involving multiple parties. She also has significant experience in acting for train operating companies (including dealing with matters pursuant to CAHA, the industry-specific agreement regarding the management of claims).

Heather has built on her previous experience in her practice at the Bar where she has also increased the amount of her claimant work. She has a busy common law practice and regularly appears in Fast Track and Multi Track trials and interim hearings. She appears in the County and High Courts (including the TCC) as well as Coroners Courts acting for interested persons in both coroner-only, and jury inquests.

Heather has brought to the Bar particular experience of carrying out detailed and close analyses of extensive and complex documents, and has particular interest in those claims involving catastrophic injuries and claims against local authorities regarding historic abuse, social care, and education claims.

Heather enjoys food and football. Other, non-alliterative, interests include wine, sport, and travel.

Business

Prior to coming to the Bar, Heather was instructed by local authorities, private companies, and private insurers to deal with construction and engineering matters involving, inter alia, fire, loss of property, floods and water damage, and property damage. She was a researcher for the Supplement to the 8th Edition of Keating on Construction Contracts.

Heather is currently acting for clients in respect of loan agreements (both formal and informal agreements), damage to utility companies' infrastructure and in subrogated recovery claims. She also acts for both claimants and defendants in claims for credit hire and property damage resulting from road traffic accidents.

Education

- MA (Oxon) Jurisprudence, Jesus College, University of Oxford: 2.i
- BVC, City University (Inns of Court School of Law): Very Competent

Other information

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