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Introduction

- Personal Injury
- Clinical Negligence
- Property
- Housing and Homelessness
- Public Law

An experienced advocate who is instructed by both claimants and defendants in fast track and multi-track claims at all stages of litigation, including Joint Settlement Meetings. Angela represents Claimants and Defendants in all stages of litigation. She particularly enjoys being a part of the legal team from an early stage, and advising upon and assessing the strength of the case as it develops.

Is developing her practice in key specialist areas, including Judicial Review claims in homelessness matters, and Inquests where she has represented hospital trusts and families of the bereaved.

Is committed to the sensitive, fair and appropriate treatment for vulnerable clients. Attended the Vulnerable Witnesses Annual Conference and completed the Inns of Court Advocacy Training Course for Handling Vulnerable Witnesses.

Angela joined 42 Bedford Row in 2013. She moved to London from the Northern Circuit where she completed pupillage and was in practice following a career as a broadcast journalist with Granada Television in the North West and BBC Local Radio in Yorkshire.

Court of Protection

- Angela has represented protected parties in differing disputes. She welcomes instructions in Court of Protection work.

Inquests

Angela has represented hospital trusts at inquests:

A patient died when a temporary pacing machine and monitoring equipment became disconnected. The Trust had reviewed its equipment and procedures prior to the inquest.

A decision that a patient died after multi-organ failure despite hospital care. A burn suffered prior to being admitted had not been a direct cause of death but was a major contributory factor.

Angela has been instructed by families of the deceased to attend inquests where a clinical negligence claim was being considered.

A father in his late forties died in hospital whilst waiting for heart bypass surgery died of natural causes. The Coroner noted in the Record of circumstances that it was possible that his death could have been prevented had he undergone Angiography earlier and with earlier escalation to cardiac surgery when his symptoms recurred but the evidence did not establish that this was probably so.

Professional Regulatory & Disciplinary

Angela is a member of the Professional Disciplinary and Regulatory team and a member of the Professional Negligence Bar Association.

Related Professional memberships

- Professional Negligence Bar Association

Accreditations

- 'Excellent results!' 'I know she will do her best' 'An excellent advocate, on paper and on her feet'
- 'Angela's preparation, attention to detail and approach to litigation are excellent.'
- 'She gave unwavering commitment and advice and achieved an unexpected and extremely good result'
- 'Her written work was a wonderful read – precise and to the point and left no questions to be asked'
- 'Angela provides straightforward advice which enables her to very quickly gain the trust and confidence of those instructing her and their clients'
- 'Approachable' 'One of my favourite Counsel, with a good sense of humour. I like her human compassion'

Professional memberships

- Personal Injury Bar Association
- Property Bar Association

- Social Housing Law Association

Education

- London University (University College) LLM (Public Law)
- London University (Westfield College) BA Hons (History)
- Manchester Metropolitan University CPE/ PG Dipl Law (Merit)
- Manchester Metropolitan University BVC (Very Competent)