

Catherine Ewins

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Catherine specialises in clinical negligence, professional negligence and personal injury work. Her other specialist area of work is disciplinary tribunal work, defending professionals before their regulatory body.



Practice Profile

Clinical Negligence

All aspects of clinical negligence work, including claims arising out of:

- Lack of consent/failure to advise as to the risks involved in surgery;
- Failure to diagnose and/or properly treat;
- Negligently performed operations;
- Obstetric negligence;
- Cosmetic surgery;
- Negligent administration of drugs.

Also claims where death has occurred and where relatives have suffered psychiatric injury.

Also claims arising out of negligent dental treatment.

Regulatory & Disciplinary

The representation of nurses before their regulatory body, the Nursing and Midwifery Council, with regard to misconduct, convictions, competence and health issues, at interim hearings, and at substantive hearings and on appeal.

Personal Injury

All aspects of personal injury work, for both claimants and defendants, including:

- Fatal accidents;
- Employers' liability cases;
- High value cases involving periodical payments;
- Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority claims.

Professional Negligence

A wide range of solicitors negligence cases, for both claimants and defendants, but in particular cases arising out of failed clinical negligence or personal injury litigation.

Further Information

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Specialist areas: clinical and professional negligence, personal injury, disciplinary and regulatory tribunal work

Education: MA (law) Cambridge – King's College (Hurst Prize for law); Universite Libre de Bruxelles (Licence Speciale en droit Europeen); Bar Vocational Course (Junior Scholar Gray's Inn, Graham Challis Scholarship, Gray's Inn)

Recent cases

Jalloh v NMC [2009] EWHC 1697 (Admin) Silber J - appeal regarding fitness to practise of a nurse

NMC v Livermore [2005] All ER (D) 127 – appeal from sanction imposed by the NMC

Chabba v Turbogame [2001] EWCA Civ 1073 – service of claim form

Woolgar v Chief Constable of the Sussex Police and the UKCC [1999] 3 All ER 604 – disclosure of material to a regulatory body

Publications and lectures

Catherine has written articles for the Solicitor's Journal and lectured to solicitors and at conferences arranged by bodies such as CLT on various aspects of her fields of practice. She is also a reporter for the Lloyd's Law Reports (Professional negligence).

Personal info

Catherine prides herself on giving straightforward and to the point advice so that clients have a clear understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of their case. She has always considered it very important to understand the perspective of each individual client. She never forgets that for many clients their case may be the only time that they have been involved in litigation. She appreciates the importance to a professional of his/her professional reputation and is also alive to the importance for insurers of resolving cases in a cost effective fashion. Having taken on any case, whatever its strengths or weaknesses, Catherine will fight as hard as she can to achieve the best possible outcome.
