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Caroline Wood

Call: 1998 (Solicitor 2000)

Personal Injury

Caroline specialises in all areas of personal injury and fatal accidents, including disease, limitation hearings and clinical negligence. She acts on behalf of both claimants and defendants in claims valued from fast track to multi track and appears in courts nationwide.

Solicitors have commented on her conscientious approach,

“For an instruction at short notice with disclosure, multiple witness accounts and the volume of information from the engineer and P35 Replies you were comfortably better than anyone else I’ve instructed in the last 12 months” (Deputy head of noise team).

Industrial disease:

Caroline is frequently instructed in noise induced hearing loss claims (NIHL), including limitation hearings, and also is experienced in mesothelioma, asbestosis, occupational asthma and HAVS claims. She regularly deals with issues concerning TUPE transfers, correct identity of the defendant, extensions of time for service of the claim form and, in NIHL claims, applications for own ENT expert. She is used to analysing engineering and medical evidence in relation to these claims.

Employers Liability:

Caroline is instructed by claimants and defendants in relation to employers’ liability. Recent instructions include: –

- JSM in respect of finger amputation: Claimant claimed £300,000. Settled for £90,000 including a discount of 40% for contributory negligence. Acting for the defendant.
- Vicarious liability claim arising from an assault by a school employee on another school employee. Successful representation of the defendant.
- Claim by a paramedic for a shoulder injury arising from lifting a patient. Successful representation of the defendant.
- Claim for an alleged assault by a carer in a care home.
- Claimant employee slipped in Tesco. Claim valued at £100,000, exacerbation of a pre – existing somatoform disorder to become fibromyalgia syndrome. non – party disclosure order against hospital for release of records. Issue of whether rheumatologist or psychologist the more appropriate expert. Application for own medical evidence. Acting for defendant.

Clinical Negligence:

Including secondary victim claims. Caroline also provides representation at



Education:

University of Wolverhampton
Law (LLb) Hons 2:1

inquests into deaths following medical treatment which assists with her understanding of the medical background in clinical negligence claims. She is instructed by both claimants and defendants.

Example instructions include: –

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- Led by Andrew Lewis QC in cerebral palsy and large loss claims.
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- Delayed diagnosis and negligent treatment of cancer: breast, pancreatic and ovarian.
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- Birth injury, including secondary victim claims. A recent instruction involved a causation issue where the medical evidence conflicted with the outcome of an inquest.
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- Claims arising from cosmetic surgery such as gastric band surgery and breast implants.
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- Consent claims following Montgomery.
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- Claims arising from care homes, including successfully defending a claim for an alleged assault by a carer.
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- Infections, including MRSA and delay/ failings in treating post – operative infections.
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Costs:

As a former solicitor she is familiar with dealing with costs. Caroline provides representation at detailed assessment hearings and regularly attends CCMC's. She has obtained orders disapplying QOCS following findings of exaggeration and fundamental dishonesty and following strike out consequent on disappearance of the claimant. She is familiar with the rules and procedure in relation to wasted costs having obtained wasted costs orders against firms where the solicitor continued acting without instructions and following non-disclosure on without notice applications.

Animals Act:

Preskey v Sutcliffe and Sutcliffe, reported on Lawtel, document number AC0136261. Successful representation of the defendants in this claim arising from a dog bite. Extensive cross – examination as to credit.

Road traffic accidents:

including accidents abroad, MIB claims, indemnity issues, LVI, late notification and suspected fraudulent claims. She is a speaker on MIB claims for MBL.

Lectures:

Caroline provides seminars to solicitors both in chambers and on request at solicitors offices. Recent seminars include:

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- Future loss of earnings claims.
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- An introduction to noise induced hearing loss;
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- Secondary Victim claims.
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Professional memberships

Caroline is a member of PIBA and regularly attends the PIBA Annual Conference and the Northern Circuit seminars.

Professional negligence.

Caroline is also instructed in professional negligence claims against other professionals arising from clinical negligence and personal injury work including issuing proceedings outside limitation, an issue with which she has vast experience as a result of dealing with disease litigation on a regular basis.

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Commercial & Chancery

Caroline has gained extensive experience of debt recovery / enforcement proceedings such as applications for charging orders, possession hearings, insolvency, winding up and bankruptcy. She has also provided representation in respect of contractual disputes between business and consumers, involving the Sale and Supply of Goods and Services Act and the Consumer Credit Act. She also has experience of interpleader proceedings. She finds her experience of debt recovery/ enforcement assists in giving practical, commercial advice about the merits of pursuing contractual claims.

Property

Caroline has appeared in numerous possession hearings acting on behalf of mortgagor, mortgagee and landlord and tenant. She has also acted in claims for disrepair, unlawful eviction and anti-social behaviour orders, injunctions and committals.

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Regulatory & Public

Caroline provides representation at inquests and pre – inquest reviews. She is particularly interested in inquests arising in healthcare settings, road traffic accidents and accidents at work which dovetail with her clinical negligence and personal injury practice. She is prepared to attend inquests on a CFA.

Recent cases

Inquest into the death of HP (2018): Caroline represented a Care home, in respect of deceased who had fallen from a chair, bumped his head and died from a sub-dural haematoma. Short form: Accident. No criticism of care home.

Inquest into the death of PD (2019) Caroline was instructed by a local authority following the death of an adult asked to leave the family home for the purpose of child protection. Narrative conclusion. Detailed findings. No

criticism of Social Care.

Inquest touching on the death of JS (2018) : Caroline was instructed by AvMA on behalf of the family following the death of JS after a hip replacement operation.

Following conclusion of the inquest, but before publication of a Regulation 28 report relating to loss of JS's CPAP machine, the trust's representatives wrote to the Coroner challenging the making of the Regulation 28 (PFD) report.

Caroline made representations that the Coroner had no authority to retrospectively withdraw the duty to make a Regulation 28 report relying, inter alia, on the case of *R (Dr Siddiqui and Dr Paepreer-Rohricht) -v- Assistant Coroner for East London* and the PFD was published thereafter.

East Riding Council, Trading standards v Mr and Mrs Farrow: Civil contempt proceedings for breach of an undertaking. Fines of £22,500 and £7,500 for Mr and Mrs Farrow respectively , together with costs awarded of £20,908.33 and further injunction for 10 years.

Click here for link to media coverage <https://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/news/east-yorkshire-couple-banned-from-selling-farm-machinery-over-shoddy-work-practices-1-9389692>

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Civil Fraud

Caroline has experience of fast track and multi-track trials where fraud is alleged or suspected and also LVI trials as well as Interlocutory hearings including applications for return of interim payments, specific disclosure, CMC's CCMC's, consolidation, applications to join insurer as second defendant. She also provides advice and pleadings and is well aware of the need for urgency in relation to the return of paperwork when defending these types of claims.

Caroline attends court throughout England and Wales and will attend solicitors' offices for conferences if required.

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