

YEAR OF CALL

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1998

AREAS OF LAW

Civil Law, Criminal Law

OVERVIEW

Cecilia was called to the Bar at the Middle Temple in 1998 and worked as a fee earner for 2 solicitors firms in the North West until undertaking pupillage in 2003.

Prior to pupillage she gained valuable experience in personal injury law, dealing with predominantly fast track work. She was responsible for defendant and claimant cases including road traffic, public and employers liability cases.

Cecilia prides herself on her attention to detail in preparing her cases and ensuring that the client knows what to expect from the trial process. She understands the importance of building a good relationship with the client, often in short time periods so that they have confidence in the advice given, even when detrimental to their own cases.

When representing the client at trial she acts fearlessly and always ensures that she uses her best endeavours to achieve the most favourable outcome.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Personal Injury Bar Association
- Middle Temple
- Northern Circuit

CIVIL LAW

Personal Injury:

Cecilia undertakes fast-track and multi-track work in the following areas for both claimant and defendant:

Road traffic, employers' liability, highway cases, public liability, landlord and tenant personal injury claims and more recently product liability, involving an exploding e-cigarette.

Other Personal Injury Work:

Recently she has advised, drafted pleadings and appeared at hearings for a claimant in a civil action against the police, which concluded in a successful settlement.

She has also represented a number of claimants in successful appeals to the tribunal, against undervalued criminal injuries awards.

Costs:

Cecilia continues to be interested in costs work, stemming from her time as a fee earner when she handled her own costs and has appeared at a number of detailed assessment hearings.

Other Civil Work:

She has appeared in a number of cases involving contract disputes in fast-track and multi-track commercial work for small and large businesses, including defending the Royal Mail.

She has also represented multiple claimants in a property dispute involving park homes, which has since concluded in a successful settlement.

Mental Health Work:

Cecilia has represented a number of claimants at court in disputes, particularly regarding challenging the appointment of a deputy under the Mental Capacity Act 2005.

CRIMINAL LAW

She undertakes both prosecution and defence work for legally aided and privately funded clients.

Cecilia has been instructed in relation to a variety of offences including dishonesty, violence, drugs and sexual allegations. The most serious cases she has been involved with have been multi-defendant robberies, conspiracy to steal and s.18 woundings.

She recently represented, at trial, a young client charged with rape and other sexual offences who was acquitted of all charges.

She has prosecuted in cases involving revenue and customs offences and also appeared for both defence and prosecution in allegations of benefit fraud.

Cecilia accepts instructions from privately funded clients for all types of work and is frequently instructed in road traffic matters.