

YEAR OF CALL

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1999

AREAS OF LAW

Civil Law, Family Law

OVERVIEW

Kate, since her call to the Bar in 1999, initially practised on the Western Circuit and since 2003 has been based on the Northern Circuit at Oriel Chambers. With 15 years experience Kate is not only a strong advocate but also a sound adviser on matrimonial and civil matters.

Kate has a wealth of experience in advising spouses in relation to their financial settlement during the divorce process. She has acted for high net worth individuals, professionals and family business owners. Kate undertakes all aspects of work involved in financial remedy claims such as advising at the outset of claim, maintenance pending suit applications, section 37 applications, variations and enforcement, through to final hearings.

Kate also undertakes cases pursuant to Schedule 1 of the Children Act 1989 for unmarried parents to claim financial provision for their children.

Kate's financial remedy practice is complemented by work in the civil courts advising and representing cohabiting couples in TLATA claims. Kate advises in estoppel and equitable accounting claims. Kate has expertise in advising on prospects of success, drafting pleadings, case management hearings and representation throughout the process to trial.

Kate regularly lectures on her specialist topics to other professionals alone or with colleagues. She has provided SRA accredited training to solicitors.

EDUCATION

- LLB(Hons) University of the West of England

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Personal Injury Bar Association

APPOINTMENTS AND AWARDS

- Jules Thorn Scholar, Middle Temple

CIVIL LAW

Kate is an established civil practitioner who undertakes work on behalf of both Claimants and Defendants. She has experience and expertise in fast and multi-track personal injury litigation including road traffic, highway, occupier's liability and employer's liability claims.

Kate is regularly instructed to act for insurers in litigation involving suspected fraudulent or exaggerated road traffic accidents, suspected "farmed" claims and low velocity impact collisions.

Kate also acts for Claimant's and is often involved at all stages of litigation, from the provision of preliminary advice through to the conclusion at trial. Kate drafts pleadings, schedules, and advices in respect of both liability and quantum and procedure and can offer a quick turnaround of papers in relation to the same.

INHERITANCE ACT CLAIMS

Kate provides advice and advocacy skills in relation to inheritance claims under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975 by dependants against a deceased's estate and claims involving testamentary capacity, want of knowledge and approval, undue influence and fraud.

COURT OF PROTECTION

Kate's also undertakes claims in the Court of Protection in both Health and Welfare, and Property and Affairs. Kate understands the requirements of both professional and lay clients in this field given her longstanding background in both family and civil law.

HOUSING

Kate accepts instructions from local authorities, housing associations, registered landlords, private landlords and tenants on all aspects of housing law. Kate is able to offer practical advice and strong advocacy with cross-discipline expertise between capacity issues, children act issues, benefits and DWP implications alongside capacity and court of protection.