

## Louise Asprey

### Deputy Head of Personal Injury team



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## Overview

Louise has many years of experience representing both claimants and defendants in personal injury and clinical negligence matters. She regularly deals with claims arising out of road traffic accidents and is experienced in dealing with claims brought under the Highways Act 1980, the Occupiers' Liability Act 1957 and the Defective Premises Act 1972. Louise regularly advises on these matters and is skilled at assisting with the best tactics required to achieve an early conclusion of proceedings. Louise has particular experience in dealing with issues in respect of fundamental dishonesty.

As well as representing parties at fast track and multi-track trials Louise also has gained extensive experience of acting and advising on high value claims with complex loss of earnings and pension calculation issues.

As a member of the Attorney General's Regional Panel B, Louise is instructed on behalf of the MOD and the MOJ in respect of various personal injury and clinical negligence matters. Louise is regularly instructed on behalf of the MOJ to represent their interests in inquest proceedings surrounding deaths in custody. She also has experience of representing interested persons at inquests arising in the context of clinical negligence.

Louise also represents claimants before the Tribunal in Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority claims and regularly advises on the same.

## Related Cases

- ▶ **J v D** - represented the claimant who was an extremely senior employee in a large organisation and who suffered a serious injury in the course of undertaking a relatively straightforward manual task. Louise advised from the outset and drafted the particulars of claim, taking the matter to trial. The case was allocated to the multi-track and liability was dealt with as a preliminary issue. The court held that the task fell within the claimant's role, despite the submissions of the defendant and it considered that the claimant had not been adequately trained or prepared to undertake such a task.
- ▶ **C & S v A** - represented one of two claimants in a personal injury claim for damages arising out of a road traffic accident. The claimants were riding horses at the time of the accident and the defendant driver maintained that her actions had not 'spooked' the horses or caused the accident. Liability on the part of the defendant driver was established and damages were recovered accordingly.

- ▶ **C v G** - represented the claimant who had suffered injury as a result of repetitive tasks which included lifting metal sheets onto a table. Louise drafted the pleadings, which required a great deal of detail and advised on the matter throughout. Causation was a particularly contentious issue given the nature of the injury and the claimant's pre-existing hyper-mobility issues. A favourable settlement was achieved.
- ▶ **B v CICA** - the claimant suffered a brain injury during the course of an attack by a group of men as he walked home. Louise represented the claimant and achieved a significant award of damages in excess of that anticipated at the outset of the hearing.

## Inquests and Public Inquiries

Louise regularly represents interested persons, both families and others with a relevant interest, in the Coroner's Court. She is pleased to accept instructions from any interested person involved in these proceedings which can, by their very nature, be particularly emotional and challenging.

Louise's personal injury and clinical negligence practices mean that she is well placed to advise and represent her clients beyond the inquest itself in the context of any related civil proceedings. She has particular experience of advising in respect of claims arising out of a breach of article 2 of the Human Rights act.  
Professional memberships

## Professional Memberships

- ▶ Member of the Personal Injury Bar Association.

## Qualifications & Awards

- ▶ Louise is on the Attorney General's Regional Panel.
- ▶ Louise studied French at the Université d'Aix-Marseille before commencing her law degree. During the course of her four year law degree at the University of Exeter, she spent one year at the University of Robert Schuman in Strasbourg studying French Law and obtained the Certificate D'Études Juridiques Françaises. She speaks proficient French.
- ▶ After completing her degree she undertook the Bar Vocational Course at the Inns of Court School of Law.
- ▶ Louise completed a twelve month pupillage at Six Pump Court and joined Walnut House Chambers as a tenant in March 2010. Before starting her pupillage, Louise spent a year working as a paralegal in the litigation department of Clarkslegal, a commercial law firm.
- ▶ Louise was awarded the Sir Thomas Moore Bursary during her BVC year and the Cholmley Studentship during pupillage

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