

ESSENTIAL TOOLKIT SEMINAR

Thursday, 13th July 2023 | 1.25pm - 5.20pm

Radisson Blu, Broad Quay, BS1 4BY

Cost: £35 + VAT

Our annual 'essential toolkit' half-day event aims to bring junior lawyers in personal injury, clinical negligence and inquests up to speed with the latest legal developments and equip them with the tools and extensive resources required to succeed in these areas of practice.

The event will be followed by a drinks and canapés networking reception.

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CPD: 4 hours

Topics:

- QOCS and Part 36
- Inquests: A practical guide to procedure and Article 2
- Fundamental dishonesty in personal injury cases
- Mock CCMC, practical tips to get the most out of case management
- Provisional damages: What they are, formalities, and tactical use
- Highways Act claims, the routes to success
- Mock application to resile from an admission of liability

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Programme

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LEGAL 500, Personal Injury

1.00 - 1.25pm Registration and refreshments

1.25 - 1.30pm Welcome and introduction

1.30 - 1.55pm Opening plenary session

QOCS and Part 36: QOCS and Part 36, practical tips and recent developments

David Forster, Barrister

2.00 - 2.55pm

Parallel Session A

Parallel Session B

Parallel Session C

Inquests: A practical guide to procedure and Article 2

Fundamental dishonesty in personal injury cases

Mock CCMC, practical tips to get the most out of case management

Lauren Karmel and Rhodri Jones, Barristers

David Forster, Barrister

Louise Asprey, Barrister (acting as the Judge), Jonathan Lindfield and Sophie Howard acting as Counsel

2.55 - 3.10pm Refreshments

3.10 - 4.05pm

Parallel Session D

Parallel Session E

Parallel Session F

Provisional damages: What they are, formalities, and tactical use

Highways Act claims, the routes to success

Mock application to resile from an admission of liability

Sophie Howard, Barrister

Jonathan Lindfield, Barrister

Louise Asprey, Barrister (acting as the Judge). Rhodri Jones and Lauren Karmel acting as Counsel

4.10 - 5.05pm

Final plenary session

Liability and quantum personal injury and clinical negligence update

Rhodri Jones, Barrister

5.05 - 5.20pm

Q & A Session

5.20pm

Join our speakers for a drinks reception afterwards

Presenters



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Louise Asprey
Barrister (Call 2007)
St John's Chambers

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.



Rhodri Jones
Barrister (Call 2017)
St John's Chambers

Rhodri's practice focusses on clinical negligence, inquests, and personal injury, acting for both claimants and defendants. Before retraining as a barrister Rhodri practiced as a medical doctor for 18 years, principally in A&E and general practice. His wealth of knowledge and experience enables him to quickly grasp the relevant issues in all aspects of medical law.

His recent experience includes advising and drafting statements of case in relation to claims in general practice, anaesthetics, cardiology, orthopaedics, ophthalmology, general surgery, and dentistry. Rhodri assisted in the appeal case of *David Price v Cwm Taf University Health Board* [2019] EWHC 938 (QB). He has a particular interest in claims with complex issues of causation.

Rhodri also has significant experience in inquests representing families and Healthcare Trusts. His experience includes representing the family in a seven-day inquest following a neonatal death. He recently represented a GP following the death of a patient.

His personal injury practice includes advice, applications, and fast-track trials relating to road traffic accidents, employer's liability and occupier's liability.



Sophie Howard
Barrister (Call 2016)
St John's Chambers

Sophie is a member of the personal Injury, clinical negligence, and inquest teams. She joined Chambers in May 2022 after completing a specialist third six pupillage under the supervision of Jimmy Barber.

Sophie acts for claimants and defendants in a variety of personal injury cases including RTA claims, employer's liability, occupier's liability, and credit hire. Sophie is regularly instructed in fast-track trials, interlocutory hearings, approval hearings, MOJ stage 3's and small claims trials. She also advises in writing for both defendants and claimants and is happy to consider instructions on a CFA.

Previously, she worked as an investigator with the Nursing and Midwifery Council and as a paralegal with the Infected Blood Inquiry. Sophie is developing her clinical negligence practice and is keen to undertake more regulatory work.

Sophie was also a claims handler and a paralegal in professional indemnity and insurance litigation at a leading international law firm. During the Covid-19 pandemic, Sophie was involved in advising insurers in the contingency market (event cancellation and non-appearance insurance) on coverage issues and assisted in the business interruption litigation arising from the lockdowns.

She has also spent time living abroad in France and the Netherlands, where she completed an internship at the International Criminal Court in the Hague.

Presenters



Lauren Karmel
Barrister (Call 2017)
St John's Chambers

Lauren joined Chambers in April 2022 following the successful completion of her pupillage under the supervision of Justin Valentine. She accepts instructions in all aspects of clinical negligence, inquests and personal injury, and acts in small claims hearings, fast-track trials, stage 3 hearings and interlocutory applications. Lauren is also developing her paper-based practice, drafting pleadings and providing written advices on procedural issues and quantum. She is happy to consider instructions on a CFA.

Lauren has a particular interest in clinical negligence and inquest work. She is pleased to accept instructions to represent families and interested parties at inquests. Lauren is regularly instructed to draft pleadings in clinical negligence claims involving complex conditions and issues of causation. During her pupillage, Lauren has gained experience in dental negligence claims and looks forward to developing this area of her practice. Prior to commencing pupillage, Lauren spent two years working at the NHS Resolution. This provided valuable insight into clinical negligence claims in both primary and secondary care. Lauren also has prior experience assisting in Tribunal hearings on behalf of registrants before the General Medical Council and General Dental Council, having worked in a law firm specialising in professional discipline. After completing the BPTC, Lauren worked as an advocate for LPC Law, and appeared in over 200 hearings in the County Court, including infant approval hearings, small claims and applications for relief from sanctions.



Jonathan Lindfield
Barrister (Call 2017)
St John's Chambers

Jonathan is a sought-after personal injury barrister, acting for both claimants and defendants. His practice covers all aspects of personal injury work including Highways Act, public liability, employers' liability, Animals Act, product liability, road traffic accidents and credit hire on both the fast and multi-track. Jonathan is also regularly instructed on behalf of local authorities and national insurers. He is frequently asked to advise and act on cases where fundamental dishonesty or exaggeration is alleged. Jonathan is a keen sportsman, giving him a particular interest and insight into cases involving sporting injuries, both on and off the field. Post Covid, Jonathan has successfully appeared for the defendant in number of civil claims brought under the Equality Act, where discrimination has been alleged following non-compliance with the enforcement of Covid-19 restrictions. Jonathan prides himself in providing detailed, clear and tactically sound advice at all stages of the litigation process. His busy practice takes him to courts all over England and Wales. He is well regarded for his tenacious but fair advocacy. He is approachable and personable and understands the challenges faced by both professional and lay clients. Jonathan endeavours to service paperwork promptly and efficiently and is always aware of the issue of cost recovery. He is happy to accept work on a CFA basis where suitable.



David Forster
Barrister (Call 2018)
St John's Chambers

David specialises in personal injury and clinical negligence law, with a busy fast-track practice. He is frequently instructed by both claimants and defendants in a wide variety of fast-track matters, including:

- Occupier's liability
- Employer's liability
- Highways Act claims
- RTA claims including LVI and fundamental dishonesty

He has extensive experience on the small claims track, particularly in credit hire matters. He is also regularly instructed in CCMCs and interim hearings on multi-track claims.

David appeared for the defendant in X (a Minor) -v- MPL Home & Senza Group Ltd in which he successfully argued that a defective product claim fell within the ambit of the public liability protocol, and that the claimant's costs ought to be limited to the fixed costs within that protocol.

David also worked closely with his pupil supervisor Matthew White on the leading Highways authority case in Barlow v Wigan Council [2019] EWHC 1546 (QB)

David has delivered seminars and webinars on the following subjects:

- Highways claims on the fast-track
- Care and assistance in claims that begin in the portal
- Witness evidence on the small claims and fast track
- Drafting schedules of loss