

Victoria Heyworth

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Education

LLB in Law and French 2:1 Leeds University
Deug II en droit : Universite du Maine, Le Mans, France
Cheadle Hulme School

Professional Associations

Personal Injury Bar Association
Northern Circuit
Manchester Medico-Legal Society

Areas of Specialism

Clinical Negligence

Personal Injury

Civil and Insurance Fraud

Inquests

Travel

Profile

Clinical Negligence

Victoria has experience in a wide spectrum of clinical negligence work including cases involving surgeons, optometrists, dentists, general practitioners, nurses and care workers.

She has acted for a very wide range of clients, on both sides of the litigation process including private individuals, NHS Trusts, medical defence organisations and private medical and related institutions.

Recent cases include allegations relating to:

Delayed diagnosis of infection, leading to meningitis and brain injury

Failure to appropriately manage pregnancy including resulting in still birth

Delayed treatment of eye conditions including genetic eye conditions, chemical burns and diabetic eye disease leading to blindness / partial sight

A wide variety of complications arising from laser eye surgery

Failure to diagnose / delay in diagnosis of cancer including to the breast, colon, kidney, oral cavity and skin

Failure or delay in diagnosis of various fractures and joint conditions, including in children

Failed cosmetic procedures, especially to the face and including, topical, surgical and laser treatment

Failure to adequately manage or treat bowel conditions such as appendicitis, polyps, crohn's disease

Failed cosmetic dental treatment

Delayed treatment of periodontitis and other dental conditions

Treatment in the prison setting

Failed surgical treatment resulting in issues such as chronic pain, internal bleeding and peritonitis

Systemic failures in administration and procedures at hospitals and clinics leading to delays

Failed management of mental health patients

Injuries sustained in care homes

Prescription errors

Failure to obtain informed consent

Failure to comply with data protection legislation

Personal Injury

Victoria's personal injury practice has a focus on complex liability, causation and quantum disputes.

She has considerable experience in the full spectrum of:

Employers' liability

Public liability,

Occupiers claims

Road traffic accidents (with an emphasis on exaggeration and fraud)

Credit hire

Industrial disease claims.

Recent quantum only cases have included quantification of chronic pain and accidents resulting in brain injury and loss of capacity.

Appearing on behalf of Claimants and Defendants, Victoria is well known for her forensic approach, client friendly service and robust litigation skills.

What the Directories say

"She is hard-working, pragmatic, efficient and flexible. She has a good understanding of the clients' needs and is very friendly and easy to work with." "Her pleadings are clear, robust and sensible, and she's very good on her feet."

Chambers and Partners, 2021

She's a calm and measured advocate and works in a collaborative way with her instructing solicitor so that it feels like a team effort throughout.'

Legal 500, 2021

"Highly personable and great at looking after clients from all walks of life when dealing with sensitive issues. She will always go the extra mile to get papers returned speedily when the pressure is on and she prepares very high-quality pleadings."

Chambers & Partners, 2020

' Thorough in review and compassionate with clients. '

Legal 500, 2020

'A safe pair of hands for clinical negligence matters.'

Legal 500, 2019

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