

Heather primarily practices in two main areas, namely Personal Injury and Immigration Law. As well as these primary areas, Heather also accepts instructions in respect of all other aspects of Civil Law, Coroners Inquests and Professional Discipline & Regulatory Law.

Heather prides herself on offering all her clients a personal, yet professional service and offers a swift turnaround in respect of all paperwork. Solicitors often comment on her outstanding customer service. Written work is dealt with very quickly, communication on cases is excellent and Heather is extremely accessible and happy to assist when her clients require her for ad hoc advice or assistance.

Heather has recently been appointed as Junior Counsel to the Crown by the Attorney General, who described the competition for places on the panel as "fierce". Heather's appointment will last until 2020, and will require her to undertake complex civil and EU work on behalf of all government departments.

# Personal Injury

Heather's Personal Injury work covers a wide range of areas, including Public Liability, Occupiers' Liability, Employers' Liability, Industrial Disease, Clinical Negligence and Road Traffic Accidents, acting for both Claimants and Defendants. She regularly appears in court in respect of such work attending trials, disposal hearings, interim applications, Case Management Conferences, Costs and Case Management Hearings, and Directions Hearings.

Heather is frequently instructed to draft paperwork including pleadings, applications, Part 35 questions, advices on liability, quantum and procedure.

#### Notable Cases

RR – Acted for the Claimant in a claim arising from a RTA whereby the Claimant was run down by a hit and run motorist. The claim was pursued via the MIB untraced drivers agreement and on Heather's advice the claim settled for a sum in excess of £100,000.

**MH** – Advised the Claimant on matters of procedure and quantum in a case involving provisional damages, whereby the future risk of the Claimant developing epilepsy was at 2%.

**CB** – Claim concerning trespass against the person whereby the Claimant was forcibly ejected from a club by door staff causing him to sustain personal injury.

**NP** – Case arising from an accident at work, whereby a paramedic sustained significant shoulder injuries on a live river whilst undergoing specialist training.

NJ – Employers' liability claim concerning unusual and complex injuries sustained as a consequence of an unsafe system of work and repetitive manual handling.

FR – Applied successfully on behalf of the Claimant to disapply the primary limitation period pursuant to Section 33 of the Limitation Act 1980. The application was fiercely opposed.

BA & Others – Multi-track fraud trial listed for 3 days arising from an allegedly induced RTA. Heather represented the Claimants in this action

**HA** – Advised in an unusual case involving a severely disabled young girl who went into anaphylactic shock during her stay in hospital, having been negligently administered a drug which she was allergic to.

JB – Advised in a case involving complex issues of law, namely the interpretation and application of the provisions of the Road Traffic Act 1988 in respect of uncoupled trailers and motor insurance bureau claims.

# **Immigration**

Heather has also developed a strong practice in all aspects of Immigration, Nationality and Asylum law. As well as advising clients in these areas, she regularly represents Appellants in both the First-tier Tribunal and Upper Tribunal of the Immigration and Asylum Chamber. In addition, Heather accepts instructions to represent clients in all aspects of Judicial Review Law.



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#### PRACTICE AREAS

Civil Law

Immigration & Asylum Law

Industrial Disease

Inquests

Personal Injury

Professional Discipline

Regulatory

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

Junior of the Northern Circuit of the Bar, Trinity Term 2016

Attorney General's Junior Counsel to the Crown, 2015-2020

#### **ASSOCIATIONS**

Northern Circuit
Personal Injury Bar Association

# PRIZES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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**Head of Law School's Commendation** - for achieving first place in the following modules of the Bar Vocational Course:

Opinion Writing - Drafting - Conference Skills

# EDUCATION

Manchester Metropoliton University
Bar Vocational Course - Very Competent

Univeristy of Liverpool LLB (Hons) - First Class







# Inquests

Heather has experience of representing interested parties at Coroner's Inquests, these have included deaths arising from road traffic collisions, clinical negligence and industrial disease.

### **Notable Cases**

BC - Inquest touching upon the death of a lady who died whilst receiving medical treatment in hospital.

MC – Inquest touching upon the death of a student tragically killed whilst crossing a road at an undesignated but busy crossing point.

## Professional Regulatory Law

Heather has experience in matters of Professional Discipline, principally, but not limited to, representing members of the medical professions. Heather is happy to accept instructions to appear before a range of tribunals in hearing such as interim order applications, review hearings, fitness to practice/medical practitioner tribunals, investigation committee hearings, registration panels and appeals.

## Notable Case

Dr B - High profile GMC case involving multiple counts of historic child abuse.



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