

Catherine Purdy

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Personal Injury

Catherine Purdy has represented clients at all stages of proceedings, from early advice and drafting documents prior to issuing proceedings, to early hearings, interim applications, CCMC hearings and trials. She has drafted questions to experts and provided advice, including on tactics, offers and settlements, during ongoing cases.

Catherine represents clients of all ages in claims brought in the context of Employers' Liability (health and safety), Occupiers' Liability and Landlord and Tenant Act liability, road traffic accidents and Highways Act cases. She has experience of ENE and other negotiated settlements away from the courtroom.

Previous cases have involved:

- all types of injuries, including amputations, complex pain and psychiatric/psychological injuries
- multiple experts
- specialist equipment and other occupational therapy needs
- loss of earnings and pension claims
- accommodation claims
- liability only trials
- quantum only assessments
- covert surveillance
- allegations of fundamental dishonesty

Notable cases

Represented the Claimant in a claim brought against a hotel for injuries sustained when a sash window fell, crushing the Claimant's finger. Liability was disputed until shortly before trial. Settlement achieved by negotiation at £75,000.

Represented the Claimant in a claim arising against a Highway Authority for injuries sustained when a cyclist fell after encountering a pot hole. The Claimant suffered a significant knee injury and exacerbations and complications to pre-existing ME/CFS. Total damages of nearly £650,000 negotiated by way of settlement.

Represented the Claimant in a claim arising from an injury at work in which the elderly claimant sustained multiple injuries, including the loss of a leg. Settlement achieved by negotiation at £1million

Represented the Claimant in a claim arising from an injury at work in which the claimant sustained multiple injuries (including internal injuries) having been crushed by a heavy vehicle. Settlement achieved by negotiation at £1.3m

Represented the Defendant in a claim in excess of £1million. Included questions to, and cross-examination of expert

witnesses. At trial, the Claimant was award approximately £7,000: less than the Defendant's Part 36 Offer.

Represented the Defendant in a claim brought under the Landlord and Tenant Act for injuries sustained when a sliding door injured the tenant. Liability was disputed. After a 3-day trial, the Defendant was found to be not liable for the Claimant's injuries.

Represented the Defendant in a claim brought alleging injuries arising from 'hot tub lung'. Liability was disputed. The Claimant discontinued the claim the week before the 3-day trial was due to begin.

Articles

Catherine Purdy reviews remote hearings.

View Article

Recommendations

" Your kind and friendly nature, combined with your commitment to upholding the most professional of standards, meant that I trusted you instantly, and knew that I was in good hands, as I learned to rely on your help with the most important thing in my life, my children. I will never be able to adequately express how grateful I am for all you did, but hope you do know that your advice, help, time and care will forever be recognised. Thank you for working so hard and putting in such long hours and thank you for all you have done for me - you ensured my truth was heard and listened to and helped make sure my gorgeous babies came home to me (albeit eventually!)." **Lay client**

Academic qualifications

- BA (Oxon)
- BVC, VC (ICSL)

Professional bodies

- Family Law Bar Association (FLBA)
- Personal Injury Bar Association (PIBA)
- Member of the Western Circuit