

Rachel Best KC

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Overview

Rachel Best KC is an associate member of 3PB and has nearly 20 years experience as a barrister specialising in employment and discrimination disputes, judicial reviews, inquests and personal injury cases. She was called to the Bar of Northern Ireland in 2006, the Bar of Ireland in 2021 and was called to the Bar of England & Wales in 2022. She was promoted to Silk in 2024.

Rachel has extensive experience in advising and conducting litigation in a wide range of courts whether Employment Tribunals, County Courts, Coroners' Courts, the High Court and the Court of Appeal.

Rachel regularly acts on behalf of Government Departments in the UK including the Department of Justice, Department of Infrastructure, Police Service of Northern Ireland as well as representing a host of businesses, insurers and private clients.

She recently produced a major amended report for the UK Covid-19 Inquiry which was a "Fact-finding investigation on behalf of the Head of the Civil Service."

An experienced speaker on employment law and employers' liability, Rachel has been invited to speak by the IPLS (QUB), Employment Lawyers Association (UK), Education Authority and Department for Infrastructure. She was also a regular contributor to - and a former sub-editor of - the Bulletin of Northern Ireland Law.

Personal Injury

Rachel Best KC represents local authorities, insurers and government departments and their agencies and contractors in personal injury disputes. These have included the reported case of:

McMullan, Patricia Ann v The Department for Regional Development; [2017] NIQB 4: successfully acted for the DRD in a case where plaintiff claim of tripping in a pothole on a country road. Contested by DRD and claim was refused by the court after evidence of how accident occurred was considered.

Academic qualifications

- LLB Law, 2:1, Queen’s University, Belfast
- MSSC Criminal Justice, Queen’s University, Belfast
- Level 4 Diploma in Management

Professional qualifications & appointments

- Trainer, Advocacy Training Board, Bar Council for Northern Ireland
- Qualified Mediator
- Counsel Panel, Government Legal Services

Professional bodies

- Medico-Legal Society (Committee Member 2016-2019, Honorary Secretary 2018-present)
- Employment Lawyers Group Northern Ireland (Committee Member 2009-present)
- Sub-Editor, Bulletin of Northern Ireland Law (2007-2012)
- Commercial Bar Association