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"Formidable on every level"
(Legal 500)

Practice Overview

Anna is a very experienced advocate who regularly advises on complex and high value matters arising from clinical negligence and personal injury disputes. She also has considerable experience in the fields of travel and foreign claims, private international law, product liability, professional negligence and insurance.

She is recommended by Chambers UK 2019 and the Legal 500 2018 for Clinical Negligence and Personal Injury, where she is described as **"extremely bright, experienced and approachable"**, and **"very thorough and tenacious"**. Anna is also recommended by Chambers UK 2019 in the field of Travel: International Personal Injury and is praised as being **"extremely friendly and approachable"** with **"very good technical knowledge and excellent attention to detail."**

Prior to joining Chambers, Anna obtained a First Class degree in Law from St. Catharine's College, Cambridge.

Clinical Negligence

Anna's in depth knowledge and experience of a vast array of clinical negligence claims, both as a junior and in her own right, means that she is often instructed in very high value cases. She regularly appears in Court on clinical negligence matters and has experience of drafting pleadings and advising in relation to a wide variety of medical claims. In particular, her detailed approach and excellent understanding of quantum issues mean that she is often instructed to assist leading counsel to produce counter schedules in multi-million pound disputes.

Guides:

Chambers UK 2019: **"Extremely bright, experienced and approachable."**
"Really good at cross-examination."

Practice areas

Clinical Negligence
Insurance & Reinsurance
Personal Injury
Product Liability
Professional Negligence
Travel & Private International Law

Memberships

PNBA
PIBA

Qualifications

First Class Law Degree, St. Catharine's College, Cambridge

BVC (Very Competent overall with Outstanding in Civil and Criminal Litigation and Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence)

Education

St Catharine's College, Cambridge University
BPP College, London



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Notable cases

Pennine Acute Hospitals NHS Trust v De Meza [2017] EWCA Civ 1711

Anna successfully represented the Appellant, Pennine Acute Hospitals NHS Trust, in its appeal against a decision to extend the limitation period under s 33 Limitation Act 1980.

E v Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust (April 2018) Winchester County Court

Anna acted for the Defendant in this matter which arose out of surgery to correct a squint. The case raised interesting issues on causation in consent cases.

PQR v Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (November 2017).

Anna was led by Sarah Vaughan-Jones QC in this multi-million pound quantum dispute arising out of negligent treatment at the time of the Claimant's birth. The matter settled out of Court.

Lewis v Payne (November 2017) Cardiff County Court.

The Claimant alleged that the Defendant plastic surgeon had been negligent in the performance of three breast augmentations. The Claim was dismissed in its entirety on the grounds that there was no breach of duty. Anna represented the Defendant.

Cawley v Guy's & St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust (July 2017) Central London County Court.

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Anna successfully represented the Defendant in relation to allegations regarding alleged mis-management of a detached retina.

Stucken v East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust [2016] EWHC 1057 (QB), High Court, Queen's Bench Division.

Anna successfully represented the Defendant in a claim where it was alleged that the Defendant's surgeons had undertaken an inappropriate form of surgery to repair the Claimant's detached retina.

Personal Injury

Anna's practice combines advisory work, drafting and advocacy in a broad range of personal injury cases in both the High Court and the County Courts. Not only is she well versed in employers liability, occupiers liability and highway claims, but she also has considerable experience of disease claims. Anna is regularly instructed to act in road traffic claims involving serious allegations of fraud and she has particular expertise in low velocity impact claims. She has successfully represented insurers in committal proceedings relating to fraudulent claims.

Experience in Fatal Accidents Act claims has meant that, in addition to Court work, Anna is often instructed to appear at Inquests in personal injury matters.

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RSA v Fahad (2015) and [2014] EWHC 4480 (QB), High Court, Queen's Bench Division.

Anna successfully represented the Applicant insurance company in committal proceedings brought against the Respondent, who was found to be in contempt of court as a result of staging a road traffic accident with his then partner. The Respondent was sentenced to 12 months in prison. Anna represented the Insurer at both the permission stage and the final hearing.

Travel & Private International Law

Anna's expertise in this area encompasses not only Package Holiday claims, but also claims involving foreign law and jurisdictional disputes. She is currently instructed in a number of claims relating to medical treatment provided abroad.

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Product Liability

Anna's strong background in clinical negligence, personal injury and travel and jurisdiction render her ideally placed to deal with product liability cases that fall within any of those areas. Her particular interest lies in claims involving liability in respect of medical products and medicines. Most recently Anna was instructed as junior counsel for Corin in the metal-on-metal hip litigation, led by Charles Dougherty QC.

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Notable cases

The Corin Metal on Metal Hip Litigation GLO (QBD)

Junior counsel acting for a leading manufacturer of metal-on-metal hip prosthesis in a claim brought by patients that received the same.

Professional Negligence

Anna is an experienced advocate who accepts instructions from both Claimants and Defendants in a wide variety of claims involving professional negligence. Her particular area of interest lies in claims involving allegations of negligence against lawyers. Anna was involved in a high value claim with Charles Dougherty QC which concerned alleged negligence by solicitors in respect of a property transaction.

Insurance & Reinsurance

In addition to advising and appearing in Court in relation to insurance matters generally, her experience in the field of private international law makes Anna the ideal choice for insurance claims involving motor insurance directives.

Recommendations

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