

# LUCY WYLES

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(Chambers UK)

## Practice Overview

Lucy specialises in the areas of personal injury, travel, private international law and clinical negligence.

She is recommended in the legal directories as a leading junior in the fields of travel and personal injury. She is regularly instructed to act in catastrophic personal injury claims and has been described as *"first port of call"* for cases arising from accidents abroad.

## Travel

Lucy is frequently instructed in cross-border claims and cases arising from accidents abroad, and to advise on issues of jurisdiction and applicable law. She is described in Chambers and Partners as being noted for her knowledge of EU legislation and applicable law and as handling catastrophic injury cases arising from road traffic accidents.

She is regularly instructed in substantial claims resulting from holiday incidents, including activity and accommodation accidents, winter sports accidents, illness and disease claims and road traffic accidents. She acts in claims brought against the MIB in respect of foreign road traffic accidents. She has wide experience not only of claims under the Package Travel Regulations but also in relation to recovery claims from suppliers abroad.

Lucy is very familiar with the issues arising in choice of law disputes, including the application of the Rome I Regulation and the Rome II Regulation and their impact upon liability, limitation and the assessment of damages.

She has particular experience in jurisdiction and enforcement issues under the Brussels Regulation and at common law, including disputes as to validity of service; contesting jurisdiction on substantive and procedural

## Practice areas

Travel  
Personal Injury  
Private International Law  
Clinical Negligence

## Appointments

Recorder (Midlands Circuit)

## Memberships

Personal Injury Bar Association  
Bar European Group  
London Common Law and Commercial Bar Association  
Member of the Western Circuit

## Qualifications

MA Jurisprudence  
Lic Spéc Dr. Eur.

## Education

Merton College, Oxford University  
Brussels University: Licence Spéciale in European Law



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grounds; registration and enforcement disputes; and jurisdiction over non-parties.

Lucy was lead Assistant Editor for the 2nd edition of *European Civil Practice* (Layton & Mercer), and makes use of her fluent French and rudimentary Hungarian.

## Current and Recent Work

**Choudhury v PZU** (ongoing); domicile requirement for jurisdiction in claim against insurer

**RCX v PMX** (2021); jurisdiction issues and anti-suit injunction in cruise ship meningitis claim

**Tate v Allianz** [2020] EWHC 3227 (QB); jurisdiction over French aggravation claim

**Rasmussen v Zurich** (2020); extremely high value fatal accident claim under Spanish law

**Scales v MIB** [2020] EWHC 1747 (QB); assessment of catastrophic injuries under Spanish law

**Hutchinson v Mapfre** [2020] EWHC 178 (QB); spinal cord injury in pool in Ibiza

**Pandya v Intersalonika** [2020] EWHC 273 (QB); brain injury claim time-barred under Greek law

**Brownlie v FS Cairo** (2020); fatal claim arising from road accident in Egypt

**Campbell v Global Travel** (2020); spinal cord injury in coach accident in Spain

**Vickery v MAPA** (2020); multiple victim road accident in France

**Tyrrell v MMA** (2019); catastrophic road traffic accident in France

**Ford v Royal Crown Insurance** (2019); brain injury in Cypriot moped accident

**Hawkeswood v Lusitania** (2019); brain injury in road accident in Portugal

**Gibson v Generali** (2019); amputation after motorcycle accident in Poland

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*Mountain v Zyro* (2018); sledging accident in Norway

*Howes v MIB* (2018); loss of arm in Cretan moped accident

*Hamblett v VHV* (2018); collision on motorway in Germany

*Bogdanovics v MIB* (2017); fatal motorcycle accident in Lithuania

*Pratt v AXA France* (2017); spinal cord injury from fall in French auberge

*Palmen v MMA* (2016); catastrophic injury when off-piste skiing in France

*Syred v PZU and HDI* [2016] EWHC 254 (QB); claims governed by Polish law involving severely injured car passengers

*Huxtable and Dale v Baloise* (2016); pedestrians injured by drunk driver in Bruges

*Cook v Virgin Media* (2015) CA; appeal concerning forum non conveniens in cases involving England and Scotland (acted for successful respondent)

*Wagenaar v Weekend Travel and Serradj* (2013); CA (2014); skiing accident in France resulting in catastrophic injury. Court of Appeal decision on effect of QWOCS on third party claims

## Personal Injury

All aspects of personal injury litigation, including private international law issues arising in foreign claims. Extensive experience of employer's liability claims including disease, manual handling and workplace accidents, stress at work and bullying; occupier's liability claims; sporting accidents including skiing cases; catastrophic injuries and fatal claims; product liability claims; and direct claims by foreign social insurers.

## Current and Recent Work

*Cherian v Cambridge University Hospitals* (2021); fall from theatre stool

*T v MIB* (2020); brain injury after moped accident

*Palizban v Protech* (2020); alleged brain injury after fall at work

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*Dyos v British Airways* (2020); claims for further compensation after aircraft fire

*Scholes v Beards Installations* (2020); injuries after fall through mezzanine

*Masood v MIB* (2020); chronic significant injuries alleged after minor shunt

*Powell v Christal Clear* (2020); alleged brain injury after fall through balcony

*XYZ v NH* (ongoing); brain injury after fall at German building site

*Evans v Strzelec* (2019); claim for spinal injury after rear end collision

*Wrightson v Flor and others* (2018); intestinal injury after ingestion of bleach

*Johnson v British Cycling Federation* (2017); claim for brain injury sustained in cycle race

*Wagenaar v Ski Weekend* [2014] CA; effect of QWOCS on third party claims

*Harris v CDMR Purfleet Ltd* [2009] EWCA Civ 1645; adequacy of reasons for date of knowledge in WRULD case

## Private International Law

Lucy has expertise in private international law and is regularly asked to advise on issues of jurisdiction, applicable law and enforcement issues. She has particular experience of the application of the Brussels Regulation, Rome I and Rome II in cross-border cases in the fields of personal injury, clinical negligence and insurance.

Recent significant cases include *CPAM v Whittington Hospital* and *CPAM v RSA* concerning recoupment of French social security benefits.

## Clinical Negligence

Experience of claims related to obstetrics and gynaecology (cord prolapse; hypoxia; Erb's palsy); general surgery; paediatrics; neurology; orthopaedics; general practice; ophthalmology; cosmetic procedures; wrongful birth; mental health.

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*MM v NHS* (ongoing); diagnosis of neurofibromatosis

*CS v Weaver* (ongoing); gall stone surgery

*TF v Essex* (2020); suicide attempt

*Orton v Heart of England* (2019); diagnosis of oral cancer

*DS v Lewisham and Greenwich* (2019); tibial osteotomy

*RT v Chelsea and Westminster* (2018); suicide attempt

*BM v NHS Commissioning Board* (2018); spinal surgery

*LT v Dorset County Hospital* (2017); pressure ulcers

*PK v South Warwickshire* (2017); obstetric treatment

*Dunn v Plymouth Hospitals* (2017); fall alleged to contribute to stroke damage

*Edwards v George Eliot Hospital* (2016); glaucoma treatment

*MB v Royal Surrey City Hospital* (2016); hydrocephalus

*Kneuss v Blagg* [2016]; spinal decompression surgery

## Recommendations

### Chambers UK 2022

"Very easy to work with, practical and conscientious." "She is always available and she conducts herself in court in a very calm, sensible and effective manner."

### Legal 500 2022

"Lucy is very knowledgeable but also very approachable – she takes no time at all getting up to speed and gets to the point in the quickest time possible."

"A fluent French speaker with good knowledge of French law."

### Chambers UK 2021

"A determined barrister who is very strong on the law." "Technically very

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good and has a pragmatic approach." "She provides sensible, robust and commercial advice."

## Legal 500 2021

"She brings a combination of high intellect, specialist knowledge and pragmatism to her cases with the result that clients receive an excellent level of representation. Can sum up a case, identify the important issues and provide an opinion almost without having to look up the law and practice at all." "She regularly appears alone against leading silks, bringing a combination of high intellect, specialist knowledge, and pragmatism to her cases."

## Chambers UK 2020

"She is very straight-talking and has the ability to cut through all the detail and get straight to the point. She makes things very easy to understand and is very timely with her advice and assistance." "She's always well prepared, sensible, fun to deal with and pragmatic."

## Legal 500 2020

"She is extremely knowledgeable and can take a complex problem and distil it into a simple answer."

## Chambers UK 2019

"She's a very good senior junior who is very experienced and very knowledgeable." "She is excellent, especially in the quantification of claims, and is also very knowledgeable on jurisdictional issues."

## Chambers UK 2018

"She is calm, sensible and very reassuring."

## Chambers UK 2017

"She grabs difficult cases with both hands and proves exemplary as far as assimilating knowledge is concerned." "I find her clear and concise, and she takes a practical approach." "She is very intelligent, grasps things very quickly and gives clear, decisive advice."

## Legal 500 2017

"Noted for cases involving accidents abroad."

## Chambers UK 2016

"She is approachable, surefooted, and gives clear advice." "She is very thorough; there were a lot of documents to go through in our case and she did so with a fine-tooth comb."

## Legal 500 2016

"Particularly recommended for travel litigation."

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## Chambers UK 2015

"A lawyer with a brilliant memory, she has a winning combination of being very clever and also very pragmatic in seeing the end game and what the clients are trying to achieve." "She's charming and personable, and knows her stuff inside out."

## Legal 500 2015

"She is very intelligent and knows her field very well."

## Who's Who Legal 2015

Is often "first port of call" for cases arising from accidents abroad.

## Legal 500 2014

"Calm under pressure, while being able to fight hard when needed."

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