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(Chambers UK)

Practice Overview

Meghann is a specialist personal injury practitioner, described by the directories as *"absolutely brilliant"* and *"extremely incisive"*, where she is particularly recognised for her expert knowledge of and experience in cross-border claims.

Meghann's diverse personal injury practice focuses on catastrophic injury and fatal EL, PL and RTA cases. She has a wealth of experience of claims involving the MIB, including arbitration proceedings and technical issues on the agreements.

In travel, Meghann is sought-after in high-value, large-scale and group claims, including those under the Package Travel Regulations, the Athens and Montreal Convention. She is regularly instructed as sole counsel against silks and very senior juniors; especially in complex conflicts of law and jurisdictional disputes.

Meghann has been listed in the main legal directories since 2015, with comments noting that she has *"superb technical skills"* (Chambers UK), that she is *"fantastic; very down-to-earth yet incredibly bright"* (Legal 500) and that she *"approaches each case with endless enthusiasm and energy which gives her the upper hand against her opponent"* (Chambers UK)

Before coming to the Bar, Meghann worked as a management consultant for clients in both the public and private sector. This experience enables her to bring a practical understanding of the needs of the commercial sector to her practice.

Prior to joining chambers in 2009, Meghann practised on the Northern Circuit and was instructed by the Treasury Solicitor as junior counsel to the Rosemary Nelson Inquiry based in both London and Belfast.

More recently, in March 2019, Meghann was appointed as a Deputy District Judge on the South Eastern Circuit. She is also a member of the PIBA Executive Committee.

Practice areas

Personal Injury
Travel
Sport

Memberships

LawInSport
British Association for Sport and Law
Northern Circuit representative on Young Barristers' Committee (2005 to 2007)
Criminal Bar Association
PIBA

Appointments

Deputy District Judge on the South Eastern Circuit

Qualifications

BVC (Very Competent)
BA (Hons) Law and Criminology

Education

Manchester Metropolitan University
Sheffield University



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Personal Injury

Meghann is a specialist personal injury barrister.

Meghann regularly appears in front of Circuit Judges and District Judges in the County Court in the full spectrum of contested final and interim hearings on behalf of both claimants and defendants and in applications and other hearings in the High Court.

Meghann drafts pleadings, detailed schedules and robust counter-schedules of loss and advises on all levels of personal injury claims in all areas including: occupiers' liability cases, employer's liability cases, product liability cases and claims arising out of road traffic accidents (including the defence of fraudulent claims on behalf of insurers).

Meghann is very experienced in dealing with complex recovery/contribution claims; in particular, those arising out of PFI agreements and she regularly represents local authorities in complex Highways Act claims.

Meghann has a pragmatic and tactical approach to advising on liability and quantum. She has a wealth of experience of claims involving CRPS and complex psychiatric injuries.

She also has extensive experience of claims under the Motor Insurers' Bureau Untraced and Uninsured Drivers' Agreements including arbitrations under the Untraced Drivers' Agreement.

Meghann also has a particular interest in sports law in a personal injury context.

Cases of Note

High value occupiers' liability claim involving CRPS and complex psychiatric injury.

High value claim under the Uninsured Drivers' Agreement following major brain injury as a result of a head-on collision.

Recovery claim against producer for injury caused by defective medical equipment.

Arbitration under the Untraced Drivers' Agreement involving complex issues as to medical causation.

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Industrial disease claim by kitchen assistant employed by defendant local authority.

Fatal accident claim arising out of local authority's failure under Highways Act 1980 to prevent flooding on the highway.

Skateboarding accident at a festival in Cornwall including a contribution claim against event organiser.

Travel

Meghann has extensive experience of dealing with travel and foreign claims including road traffic accidents, disease cases, fatal accidents and catastrophic injury cases.

Meghann has been a recommended junior in Chambers and Partners since 2015 for Travel: International Personal Injury; and in Legal 500 for Travel Law (including Jurisdictional Issues).

It is said that *"She is fantastic; very down-to-earth yet incredibly bright."*

"She's very friendly and approachable." "She has superb technical skills and provides very clear and structured advice. She is always efficient, friendly and pragmatic."

Meghann is a barrister who is *'eminently approachable and very thorough. In her written advice she explores all aspects and intricacies of the matter.'*

Meghann is described by clients as being *'down to earth, conscientious, and hard-working.'* *"She's excellent as she recognises what clients require. She is robust when required and sensitive when required."* *"She is very down to earth and fights the right points in a case."* *"Clients immediately warm to her as she has the ability to assimilate facts and give straightforward advice."* *"She is feisty and prepared to argue difficult cases."*

Meghann has a wealth of experience of claims involving the Package Travel Regulations 1992, Montreal Convention and Athens Convention. In addition to her broad range of experience of travel and foreign claims in the County Court and High Court, Meghann has also appeared in the Admiralty Court for claims under the Athens Convention.

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Meghann has advised on a broad range of jurisdictional issues and questions of applicable law – examples of her experience and practice are as follows:

- *Dawkins v Carnival PLC* [2011] EWCA Civ 1237
- Fatal accident involving child in Greece – complex issues relating to jurisdiction and parallel criminal proceedings in Greece.
- Fatal accident in Spain/France/England involving an alleged Legionnaire's Disease outbreak.
- Norovirus outbreak on board cruise ship.
- Norovirus/bacterial infection at large hotel in Spain.
- Fatal motorbike accident in Germany following a head-on collision.
- Accident on board a yacht in Italy involving numerous defendants from different Member States.
- Jet-ski accident in Barbados.
- Skiing accident in France.
- Scalding accident on board a flight from the Caribbean to the UK under the Montreal Convention.

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Road traffic accident in France.

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Sport

This is a developing area of Meghann's practice which benefits from her expertise in both personal injury and regulatory areas.

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She has particular experience of dealing with a range of sports law cases in a personal injury context including those arising out of skiing accidents, water sports accidents and skateboarding accidents.

Prior to coming to the bar, Meghann spent two years working for a boutique management consultancy which dealt exclusively in sport and leisure. The consultancy's clients included Sport England, the RFU, the FA, British Gymnastics and the ECB. Meghann specialised in facilities strategies and in so doing gained a valuable insight into the mechanics of the national governing bodies.

Together with this experience and Meghann's background in criminal and regulatory work, she has a unique perspective on regulatory and disciplinary cases in sport.

Recommendations

"She's technically excellent and is a very good advocate." "An extremely approachable barrister who is very good with clients."

Chambers UK 2021

"Consistency, clarity, excellent oral and writing skills, pragmatic. She is very capable and approachable in this area. Works tirelessly to ensure that a case is watertight."

Legal 500 2021

"She is very thorough, competent and has an excellent manner with clients." "She approaches each case with endless enthusiasm and energy which gives her the upper hand against any opponent. She has a pragmatic approach and strips a case down to the key issues underpinning it."

Chambers UK 2020

"She is fantastic; very down-to-earth yet incredibly bright."

Legal 500 2020

"She's very friendly and approachable." "She has superb technical skills and provides very clear and structured advice. She is always efficient, friendly and pragmatic."

Chambers UK 2019

"Meghann has a great deal of experience in travel claims. She is very thorough and possesses an admirable can-do attitude."; "She is absolutely brilliant. She is extremely incisive and willing to assist"

Chambers UK 2018

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Chambers UK 2017

"Eminently approachable and very thorough. In her written advice she explores all aspects and intricacies of the matter"; "Her work is proportionate in that she does what is required on a case-by-case basis and would recognise on a smaller claim that clients aren't going to swallow large fees"

Chambers UK 2016

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Chambers UK 2015

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