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Practice Overview

Lucinda accepts instructions in all of chambers' main practice areas. She has a particular interest in personal injury, clinical negligence, property damage and insurance.

During pupillage, Lucinda assisted senior and junior members of chambers in a broad range of matters, including: resisting an application for interim payment in a multi-million pound action brought on behalf of a claimant in a minimally conscious state; a cross-border LCIA arbitration concerning a gas explosion at a power plant; a trial in the TCC concerning extensive property damage and loss of profits caused by a fire started during the 2011 London riots; a case concerning the extent of a construction company's vicarious liability for the deliberate destruction of a third party's property by its subcontractor, and advising a private hospital on the prospects of defending a claim for delayed diagnosis of cauda equina syndrome.

Lucinda is instructed in her own right in County Court and High Court cases across all of chambers' practice areas. She recently represented a bank in the Chancery division in a claim worth £1.35m concerning the priority of interests on the Land Registry. She is currently instructed by the Government Legal Department in a high value cross-border mesothelioma claim, focusing on the international law elements of the case.

Before joining chambers, Lucinda graduated from the University of Cambridge with a First class degree in Modern and Medieval Languages, where she received prizes for academic excellence and an outstanding dissertation. She completed the New Entrepreneurs Foundation programme in 2016 and worked for a start-up business where she gave regular presentations to the board of a FTSE 250 company. She has also worked for television and theatre production companies in Spain, Bolivia and the UK.

Practice areas

Clinical Negligence
Personal Injury
Property Damage
Insurance
Commercial
Private International Law
Public Law

Education

BA (First Class), Newnham College, Cambridge
GDL (Distinction), City University
BPTC (Very Competent), City University

Awards

Creighton Memorial Prize for an Outstanding Dissertation (Newnham College, Cambridge)
Margaret Gardner Prize for final year examination results (Newnham College, Cambridge)
BPTC Exhibition Awards 2017 & 2018 (Inner Temple)

Languages

French and Spanish



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Clinical Negligence

Lucinda has a broad range of advisory experience in clinical negligence claims, both liability and quantum. She has a particular interest in claims arising out of the diagnosis of cauda equina syndrome and spinal injuries. Beyond claims relating to medical treatment, she has also assisted in advising a GP surgery on the prospects of defending a claim for racial discrimination arising from its refusal to register a patient.

Personal Injury

Lucinda has gained experience advising and drafting in personal injury claims, particularly in the employment context. In addition, she has worked on two historic asbestos exposure claims, one of which is an on-going high value claim in which she is instructed by the Government Legal Department. During pupillage, Lucinda assisted in resisting an application for interim payment in a multi-million pound action brought on behalf of a claimant in a minimally conscious state.

Property Damage

Lucinda has assisted in drafting pleadings in relation to claims for damage from both fire and flooding, dealing with arguments on pure economic loss and the application of the Consumer Protection Act 1987 in particular. She carried out research for a production company in preparation for a trial in the TCC concerning extensive property damage and loss of profits caused by a fire started during the 2011 London riots.

Insurance & Reinsurance

Lucinda has gained experience advising on the scope of coverage in insurance contracts. Of particular note, she assisted in the drafting of an advice considering the impact of indemnity clauses on a construction company's vicarious liability for the deliberate destruction of a third party's property by its subcontractor.

Commercial

Lucinda has assisted on numerous commercial cases, including a claim for breach of confidence in relation to a chemical formula for a flooring product, a cross-border LCIA arbitration concerning a gas explosion at a

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power plant, and disputes concerning allegations of deceit and conspiracy. During her practising second six, she represented a bank at a hearing in the Chancery division in a claim worth £1.35m concerning the priority of interests on the Land Registry.

Private International Law

Lucinda has gained exposure to questions of applicable law and jurisdiction in a range of contexts including personal injury and commercial cases. Highlights include drafting Particulars of Claim in a personal injury action following an accident on a speed boat in Spain, and determining applicable law and jurisdiction in a claim arising out of the fraudulent sale of a Spanish golf course.

Public Law

Lucinda is instructed by the Government Legal Department in a high value mesothelioma claim, working in particular on aspects of the case concerning state immunity and the scope of the application of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.