

Lucinda Spearman

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Lucinda Spearman is developing a practice across all of chambers' main areas. She has a particular interest in cases with an international element.

Lucinda is building a practice in private international law. She represented the successful defendant as sole counsel in the High Court in *Troke v Amgen Seguros Generales Compania de Seguros y Reaseguros SAU* [2020] EWHC 2976 (QB), the leading case on the law applicable to interest awards under the Rome II Regulation. She is currently instructed in a group of cross-border asbestos exposure claims brought by members of the armed forces.

Lucinda is regularly instructed by local and central Government. She is a junior in the litigation arising out of the Grenfell Tower fire, and has been instructed as a junior junior in the Harry Dunn judicial review proceedings and the Infected Blood Inquiry. Lucinda is also advising in a claim arising out of a council's role in preventing a prospective foster carer from appearing on a foster register.

Lucinda is developing a practice in product liability. She has assisted in a number of fire and flood matters for both claimants and defendants, including in a multi-party Consumer Protection Act 1987 action concerning a heating system manufactured in Norway and a dispute between a supplier and an installer about responsibility for a fire that destroyed two properties. Her product liability experience informs her growing property damage practice. She is regularly instructed as sole counsel in fire and fallen tree claims, and has assisted in a cross-border LCIA arbitration concerning a gas explosion at a power plant as well as in a trial in the TCC concerning property damage and loss of profits caused by a fire started during the 2011 London riots.

Lucinda has considerable experience of clinical negligence cases. She has a keen interest in cases concerning women's health, and has been instructed in cases concerning a wide range of obstetric and gynaecological issues including labiaplasty, placenta abnormalities and intra-natal care.

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 subsequently completed the New Entrepreneurs Foundation programme 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.

Expertise

Property Damage

Lucinda is building a property damage practice and has particular experience in claims concerning fires, floods and fallen trees. Recent highlights include acting as sole counsel in a claim arising out of Storm Dennis in which a 400-year-old Oak tree fell simultaneously on two Tesla cars owned by different people.

Product Liability

Lucinda accepts instructions in product liability from both claimants and defendants. She has experience of the Consumer Protection Act 1987, and has worked on multi-party cross-border claims in this area.

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, as well as in claims concerning women's health. 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 a wide range of experience in personal injury claims, including those arising out of accidents abroad. She is currently instructed in a group of cross-border historic asbestos exposure claims for the Government Legal Department.

Private International Law

Lucinda acts in cases concerning applicable law and jurisdiction regularly. Highlights include work on a number of foreign claims concerning injuries to members of the armed forces, both as part of a team of counsel and on her own, and a successful High Court appeal on the issue of the law applicable to interest

awards under the Rome II Regulation (*Troke v Amgen Seguros Generales Compania de Seguros y Reaseguros SAU* [2020] EWHC 2976 (QB)).

Public Law

Lucinda has been instructed in a number of high-profile matters including the Harry Dunn judicial review proceedings and the Infected Blood Inquiry. She acts regularly for the Government, both in her own right and as junior counsel. Lucinda welcomes instructions that raise public law issues.

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 power plant, and disputes concerning allegations of deceit and conspiracy. She has also represented a bank in the Chancery division in a claim worth £1.35m concerning the priority of interests on the Land Registry.

Awards

- BPTC Exhibition Awards, Inner Temple (2017 & 2018)
- Margaret Gardner Prize, Newnham College, Cambridge
- Creighton Memorial Prize, Newnham College, Cambridge

Education

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

Languages

- French
- Spanish