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

She is recommended in the legal directories 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.

Lucy was elected as Head of Chambers, jointly with Martin Porter KC, in July 2023

Expertise

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 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.

Notable Travel cases

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.

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.

Personal Injury

Lucy practices in 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.

Notable Personal Injury cases

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.

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 & 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.

Notable Private International Law cases

CPAM v Whittington Hospital & CPAM v RSA

Concerning recoupment of French social security benefits.

Clinical Negligence

Lucy has 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.

Notable Clinical Negligence cases

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 & Greenwich (2019)

Tibial osteotomy.

RT v Chelsea & 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.

Product Liability

Lucy's experience of product liability is wide-ranging, and includes claims in relation to white goods, clinical devices and automotive parts. She is currently acting in one of the biggest ongoing multi party product liability cases, involving many teams of barristers in *Regent Superbowl v Panteli and Slush Puppie* for an Italian frozen drinks machine manufacturer in relation to a massive fire which destroyed a bowling alley and most of the shopping arcade in which it was located. She is also acting in the high-profile diesel emissions litigation.

Lucy is frequently instructed in cross border claims and to advise on jurisdiction, choice of law and related issues in a wide variety of contexts concerning product liability.

Appointments

- Recorder (Midlands Circuit)

Awards

- Hardwicke Award
- Wiener Anspach Award
- Slaughter & May Contract Prize
- Postmastership
- Scholar, Oxford University

Education

- Licence Spéciale in European Law, Brussels University
- MA Jurisprudence, Merton College, Oxford University

Memberships

- Bar European Group
- London Common Law & Commercial Bar Association
- Personal Injury Bar Association
- Western Circuit

Recommendations

“Lucy has an excellent knowledge of the law and great tactical nous.”

“Lucy is extremely experienced and has tremendous advocacy skills.”

Chambers UK 2024

“Well-known in the cross border field, Lucy uses her vast knowledge to devastating effect, a master of the court and negotiating rooms alike.”

“Lucy is practical, has a great attention to detail and is great with clients.”

Legal 500 2024

“An exceptional barrister. She prepares thoroughly for each hearing – no matter how big or small the case is. She is very pragmatic and levelheaded.” “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.”

Legal 500 2023

“Lucy is extremely knowledgeable.” “She is excellent with clients and provides clear, concise advice.”

Chambers UK 2023

“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.”

Chambers UK 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.”

Legal 500 2022

“A determined barrister who is very strong on the law.” “Technically very good and has a pragmatic approach.” “She provides sensible, robust and commercial advice.”

Chambers UK 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.”

Legal 500 2021

“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.”

Chambers UK 2020

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

Legal 500 2020

“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 2019

“She is calm, sensible and very reassuring.”

Chambers UK 2018

“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.”

Chambers UK 2017

“Noted for cases involving accidents abroad.”

Legal 500 2017

“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.”

Chambers UK 2016

“Particularly recommended for travel litigation.”

Legal 500 2016

“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.”

Chambers UK 2015

“She is very intelligent and knows her field very well.”

Legal 500 2015

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

Who’s Who Legal 2015

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

Legal 500 2014