Elizabeth Murray

YEAR OF CALL 2005

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Insurance Fraud, Personal Injury



General CV

"Can you thank Miss Murray for the way in which she dealt with this matter today. She brought compassion and sensitivity into her professional dealings with the client for which I am most grateful."

Elizabeth is routinely instructed to act for both Claimants and Defendants in personal injury fast track and multi track claims valued up to £500,000, and has experience of cases pleaded up to £1 million.

She accepts instructions in all areas of civil litigation including road traffic accidents (credit hire, low velocity impacts and MIB claims), occupiers' liability, employers' liability, product liability and highway claims. Elizabeth also has a busy industrial disease practice, with particular emphasis on NIHL claims, and accordingly is very familiar with limitation arguments.

She has particular enthusiasm for a unique field of litigation involving the Animals Act 1971, and specifically imports her personal knowledge and experience of all things equine into claims involving horses and riders.

Instructions can be accepted on a conditional fee agreement basis.

Elizabeth is willing to act at all stages of litigation from pre-action stage through to CCMC, the final hearing and appeals. She has a very heavy paper practice including advising on liability and quantum, and drafting schedules of loss.

Elizabeth has an approachable and down to earth manner with both her professional and lay clients. She appreciates that litigation can be extremely stressful and will endeavour to put clients at ease. Elizabeth invites instruction at an early stage and appreciates involvement as a case progresses, favouring the teamwork approach to cases which developed prior to her career at the Bar when working for HM Revenue and Customs as an instructing paralegal. At that time Elizabeth had responsibility for a caseload valued in excess of £100 million and accordingly remembers the pressures associated with the same and the management of client expectations.

When she is not in court, drafting pleadings, or conducting conferences, Elizabeth can be found at the stables with her horse. She is also a keen open water swimmer being a firm believer in its benefits for both physical and mental wellbeing.

Personal Injury

Elizabeth's practice covers all areas of personal injury litigation, both fast track and multi track, including road traffic accidents (credit hire, low velocity impacts and MIB claims), occupiers' liability, employers' liability, product liability and highway claims.

In 2019 Elizabeth successfully defended a former employer at trial, who was without the benefit of insurance and facing a multi track claim valued at approximately £150,000.00.

She is routinely asked to advise and act on behalf of both Claimants and Defendants, believing it to be of vital importance that Counsel has experience of both sides of the argument.

She is able to act on a conditional fee agreement basis where necessary.

Elizabeth has made successful Section 57 applications for fundamental dishonesty when acting on behalf of Defendants and their insurers.

In 2019 Elizabeth secured a successful fundamental dishonesty finding for the MIB, following discontinuance of the claim, and a costs order of £27,000. This success has been repeated in fast track matters where her cross examination has revealed fruitful grounds for the making of such an application.

Elizabeth has also conducted appeals on behalf of Claimants and Defendants.

She has successfully brought an appeal against the decision of the lower court to refuse reallocation to Part 7 but then import its own prognosis period into its Stage 3 deliberations.

Elizabeth also successfully appealed, on a **Phillips v Willis** basis, a decision of the lower court to allocate the credit hire element of a Stage 3 hearing to the small claims track.

Occupational Disease

Elizabeth has an exceptionally busy practice, for both Claimants and Defendants, in industrial disease cases with emphasis on Noise Induced Hearing Loss claims.

She routinely conducts limitation trials with particular success on the notoriously difficult Section 33 applications.

She has successfully responded to an appeal against the decision of the lower court to refuse the Appellant's application to amend the defence on the first day of the multi-track trial window to include limitation.

Elizabeth also acts in claims involving upper limb disorders.

Accordingly Elizabeth is required to consider expert reports, and conduct conferences with experts, as a matter of routine.

Animals Act

Elizabeth has a particular enthusiasm for this niche area of work, and is instructed on behalf of Claimants and Defendants in fast track and multi track cases involving expert evidence.

She specifically imports her knowledge and experience of all things equine into cases involving horses.

On one extremely notable occasion she represented the interests of an owner whose horse had fallen through a conservatory roof.



She has successfully defended a farrier, and a horse rider whose horse kicked the windscreen of a car.

She has also acted on behalf of, and given advice to, livery yard owners.

Elizabeth recognises the difficulties often presented by the unique application of the law in this area and endeavours to put clients at ease.

Quotes

Personal Injury: Elizabeth is one of the most thorough advocates and she successfully argues very technical points, evidently showing her expertise in difficult areas of law. One cannot fault her ability to think quickly and practically, and also secure great results for clients; she is an impressive advocate."

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