Kirsty McKinlay

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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Inquests & Public Inquiries, Clinical Negligence, Travel & International Personal Injury Law, Insurance Fraud, Personal Injury



Insurance Fraud CV

Kirsty has been working in the field of insurance fraud litigation for significant length of time and recognises that since 2013 concerns in relation to fraud and fundamental dishonesty have become even more important and relevant to insurers in all personal injury cases. Kirsty has a wide range of experience in insurance fraud litigation in the County Court and the High Court and is frequently involved in advising in cases at an early stage and thereafter maintaining her involvement through to trial including all drafting, advice and representation. Kirsty has extensive experience in relation to a wide range of issues including:

- > exaggerated injury claims with particular emphasis on section 57 applications on high value claims including brain injury claims;
- > tactical obtaining and deployment of surveillance evidence in cases of suspected fundamental dishonesty;
- > fraudulent employer s liability claims;
- > fraudulent public liability claims;
- > RTA insurance fraud claims including:
 - bogus passenger claims;
 - LVI claims;
 - fraud rings;
 - credit hire claims;
 - staged and semi staged or induced collisions.

Kirsty also has extensive experience of dealing with litigants in person, where this is becoming increasingly common once fundamental dishonesty issues have been raised. Kirsty is regularly instructed in relation to costs issues arising out of fraudulent claims and exaggerated claims including applications for wasted costs against legal representatives. Kirsty is noted for her thorough approach, detailed preparation and attention to detail. Kirsty endeavours to combine a professional and commercial attitude with a friendly and approachable style and is known for providing firm and clear advice in a palatable way. Kirsty is also known for her commercial approach, particularly in light of her costs knowledge.

Kirsty regularly provides seminars and training in relation to all aspects of insurance fraud litigation.

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Personal Injury: Kirsty is a very impressive, first-class advocate and she uses her expertise and extensive knowledge to get to the issues quickly and achieve brilliant results for clients. She has a reassuring and approachable manner."

- Legal 500 2024

Clinical Negligence: "Kirsty has great attention to detail, is always on hand if the need arises, and is a real team player." - Legal 500 2024

Personal Injury: "Kirsty has a wealth of experience in defending fraud cases. She is a calm and reassuring support in the most challenging of cases, and an intelligent, approachable, straightforward and impressive advocate. She is an absolute pleasure to work alongside and has achieved exceptional results for clients."

- Legal 500 2023

Clinical Negligence:

"Kirsty has a friendly and approachable style which is appreciated by the client and the instructing solicitor. She is thorough in her assessment of the papers, providing firm and clear advice. She works well with experts in conference and manages confidently to resolve any ambiguities within their reports."

- Legal 500 2023

Clinical Negligence - Tier 1

"The attention to detail which she displays is exceptional. This is combined with a very friendly approach which is very much appreciated by Solicitors and Clients alike."

- Legal 500 2021

Personal Injury - Tier 3

"She is very confident in conference and in addressing medical experts. She secures a good grasp of the case and issues in hand and manages to address these in a productive way. Her draft documents are very detailed."

- Legal 500 2021

Personal Injury: Leading Junior Band 2

"Astute, practical, and thorough when providing advice."

- Legal 500 2020

Clinical Negligence: Leading Junior Band 1

"Provides very thorough and sound advice."

- Legal 500 2020

Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence - ranked Tier 1

"Very approachable, proactive, thorough and focused."

- Legal 500 2019

'A skilful cross-examiner.'

- Legal 500, 2017

"She has excellent communication skills and is able to uncover the truth"

- Legal 500, 2017