

SOPHIE ALLAN

Year of call: 2004

Clerked by: Stephen Loxton Paul Clarke

AREAS OF EXPERTISE:

Court of Protection Inquests Occupational Disease Pain
Syndromes Personal injury



Occupational Disease

Sophie acts for both Claimants and Defendants in claims involving all types of asbestos disease (including mesothelioma and asbestos-induced lung cancer), upper limb disorders and noise induced hearing loss. She is regularly involved in more unusual disease claims, including occupational asthma, dermatitis, chemical exposures and carbon-monoxide poisoning.

Significant Reported Cases

Sophie was second junior counsel for the Defendants in the Pleural Plaques litigation in both the Court of Appeal and House of Lords.

Johnston v NEI International Combustion Ltd (2007) 3 WLR 876 (HL) ('The Pleural Plaques Test Litigation')

Profile

Sophie is a personal injury specialist and also has a developing interest in public law, particularly Court of Protection work.

In respect of her personal injury practice, Sophie deals with all aspects of serious personal injury and has a particular interest in and experience of occupational disease. She is also a member of the Kings Chambers specialist pain team and has significant experience of coronial law.

Sophie is both robust in court and able to deal sensitively with her lay clients. She is careful and thorough in her approach to her cases and has considerable experience of managing expert evidence, both outside of the courtroom and in cross-examination. She is also experienced in conducting Joint Settlement Meetings.

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Memberships

Personal Injuries Bar Association (PIBA)

Lincoln's Inn

Northern and North Eastern Circuit

Qualifications

University: Newcastle

Degree: BA (Joint Honours) English Language and Literature (first class)

Called: 2004 (Lincoln's Inn)

Scholarships: Hardwicke and Denning Scholarships