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Emma Northey

Year of Call: 2009

Practice Areas

- Automated and Electric Vehicle (AEV) Law
- Civil Fraud
- Credit Hire
- Health & Safety
- Inquests
- Personal Injury
- Product Liability

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Awards



Experience

Emma specialises in Personal Injury, Inquests, and Civil Fraud. She has significant experience in the County Courts, where she acts for both claimants and defendants in Fast Track and Multi-Track matters. In the Coroner's Courts, she has been instructed by insurers and local authorities.

Personal Injury

In addition to cases arising from road traffic accidents, Emma has been instructed in numerous occupier's liability, public liability, employer's liability, and defective product claims. She has acted in cases where holiday sickness and/or an accident occurred abroad (both within and outside the EU). She also has experience in the Criminal Injuries Compensation Tribunal.

Emma has a particular interest in the developing law relating to CAV (Connected and Autonomous Vehicles), often nicknamed "driverless" cars.

Inquests

Emma has acted for Interested Persons in complex and high-profile matters, which required a particularly sensitive and nuanced approach.

Civil Fraud

Emma is regularly instructed by both claimants and defendants in cases where fraud is suspected. She is well-versed in the thorough analysis of medical, financial, social media and other records that is typically required in such matters. She is also conversant with expert engineering evidence, having been involved with such cases for many years before coming to the Bar.

Regulatory Crime

Before coming to the Bar, Emma was a Trading Standards Officer for 15 years. She has an in-depth knowledge of all aspects of consumer protection and regulatory crime, and is available to act for both prosecutors and defendants in all types of regulatory matter, including Animal Health & Welfare,

Food Hygiene, Consumer Protection, and Health & Safety.

Appointments

Secretary to the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority
Appeals Committee

Education

Bar Vocational Course (Outstanding), BPP Law School (2009)
Graduate Diploma in Law (Commendation), BPP Law School (2007)
Diploma in Trading Standards (Jack Brudenall Prize), DTS Council (1996)

Memberships

Association of Regulatory & Disciplinary Lawyers
Health & Safety Lawyers Association
Personal Injury Bar Association
Professional Negligence Bar Association

Languages

Italian (conversational level)

Cases

Inquest touching the death of Sophie Bennett

January & February 2019

Barristers involved: Emma Northey

Emma Northey, instructed by Pamela Clarke of South London Legal Partnership, acted for a local authority social services department in this Article 2 Inquest, which sought to establish how and in what circumstances Sophie came by her death.

Sophie was a vulnerable young woman with complex mental health needs, who had been happy and settled in residential care until the charity that ran the care home made significant changes to the way in which it was run.

The Inquest took place over 13 days before a jury, and heard oral evidence from more than 20 witnesses, including several by video link.

Iqbal v (1) Harris (2) Nelson Insurance Company

November 2018

Barristers involved: Emma Northey

Emma Northey, instructed by Ian Williams of Keoghs for the Second Defendant. Finding of fundamental dishonesty against the Claimant, whose evidence about the accident circumstances was rejected by the judge and whose damages claim “frankly collapsed” under cross-examination (by both counsel for the First Defendant and counsel for the Second Defendant).

The Claimant had given inaccurate information to his medical expert and went on to give inaccurate evidence in court. The judge found that these considerable difficulties with his case were not the result of misunderstandings or errors of memory.

Inquest touching the death of Ellie Butler

March & April 2018

Barristers involved: Emma Northey

Instructed by Pamela Clarke of South London Legal Partnership, Emma acted for two primary schools in this Article 2 Inquest before Dame Linda Dobbs DBE.

Ellie was only 6 years old when she was murdered by her father, less than 13 months after she had been returned to the care of her parents. The Coroner found that there had been some failings by the relevant agencies, which she addressed in a PFD report, but was satisfied that no acts or omissions by them had contributed to Ellie's death.

The Inquest took place over 11 days in March and April 2018.

Budrevicius v UK Insurance Limited

December 2017

Barristers involved: Emma Northey

Instructed by Katie Watmough of Keoghs for the Defendant. Finding of fundamental dishonesty against the Claimant. The Claimant was an intelligent man, who had reviewed the bundle carefully and anticipated many of the questions that would be put in cross-examination.

Many, but not all the Claimant's attempts to extemporise credible answers were undone by his passenger witness, who had been waiting outside court to give her evidence. The resulting divergence between their accounts cast both into doubt. The judge was satisfied that this case had gone beyond poor recollection and unreliable memory and had moved into dishonesty.

Patrizkova v Geeves

26.06.2017

Barristers involved: Emma Northey

Claim dismissed. The judge was satisfied that the unusual circumstances in which the hire agreement came into being rendered it unenforceable against the Claimant, meaning that there was no loss to claim from the Defendant.

Manku v Dixons Carphone

30.01.2017

Barristers involved: Emma Northey

Claim dismissed. The Defendant's submissions regarding both rate and period were preferred. The resulting sum was less than the Defendant's interim payment.

Yasin v Markerstudy

17.11.2016

Barristers involved: Emma Northey

Finding of fundamental dishonesty against the Claimant, whose two passenger witnesses had withdrawn their statements on the morning of the trial.

Numerous inconsistencies within the papers were compounded by additional inconsistent evidence given under cross-examination. The judge was satisfied that the Claimant had induced the collision by performing an emergency stop on a roundabout when there had been no reason to do so.

Noto v (1) Galloway (2) Service Underwriting Management

05.02.2016

Barristers involved: Emma Northey

Finding of fundamental dishonesty against the Claimant, on the basis that he had not in fact sustained any personal injury in a very minor road traffic accident.

There was no mention of the alleged injuries in the Claimant's GP notes. This was in stark contrast to his usual practice of seeking advice from his treating doctors and other professionals about musculoskeletal problems. A thorough analysis of his voluminous medical records was fundamental to demonstrating the scale of this inconsistency and achieving the dishonesty finding.

Publications

TG Chambers launches Automated and Electric Vehicle law blog, aevlaw.com

08/07/2021

Authors: Alex Glassbrook Emma Northey Anthony Johnson Scarlett Milligan Paul Erdunast

Chambers is delighted to announce the launch of its Automated and Electric Vehicle Law blog, aevlaw.com Edited by Alex Glassbrook and Emma Northey, the blog features articles by members of the TGC AEV law team including Scarlett Milligan, Anthony Johnson and Paul Erdunast, as well as guest expert comment (this month on accident reconstruction evidence in AEV cases, from Iwan Parry of TRL). You can subscribe to the blog at aevlaw.com

"A Practical Guide to the Law of Driverless Cars", 2nd edition, Law Brief Publishing, November 2019,

17/10/2019

Authors: Alex Glassbrook Emma Northey Scarlett Milligan

You can view the publication at <http://www.lawbriefpublishing.com/product/thelawofdriverlesscars/>

News

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You can subscribe to the blog to receive notifications on all new content posted. We hope you enjoy reading, and welcome any feedback.

You can view the publication at <http://aevlaw.com/>

Automated Vehicle Law: TG Chambers AV law on 'Law Talks with Toks'

26/05/2021

Barristers involved: Alex Glassbrook Emma Northey Scarlett Milligan

Alex discussed TGC's work on automated vehicle law, including writing "A Practical Guide to the Law of Driverless Cars" with Emma Northey and Scarlett Milligan, how an AV claim might work, and the ethics of artificial intelligence and automated vehicles (including Philippa Foot's trolley problem).

You can view the publication at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ygBswLZjrBk>

"A Practical Guide to the Law of Driverless Cars" (2nd Edition) Published

29/11/2019

Barristers involved: Alex Glassbrook Emma Northey Scarlett Milligan

The book covers key topics including road traffic accidents, product liability claims, data and privacy, and regulatory oversight of automated vehicles.

You can view the publication at <http://www.lawbriefpublishing.com/product/thelawofdriverlesscars/>

New Book: A Practical Guide to the Law of Driverless Cars (2nd edition)

15/10/2019

Barristers involved: Alex Glassbrook Emma Northey Scarlett Milligan

Alex Glassbrook, Emma Northey and Scarlett Milligan update the reader, in light of the Automated and Electric Vehicles Act 2018, which was enacted in July 2018. When Part 1 of the Act, dealing with automated vehicles, comes into force it will alter the law of road transport profoundly. The book describes the Act in detail, and addresses the many queries which it generates.

You can view the publication at <http://www.lawbriefpublishing.com/product/thelawofdriverlesscars/>

Driverless Law: Alex Glassbrook and Emma Northey's seminar for Association of Personal Injury Lawyers, Monday 29 July

23/07/2019

Barristers involved: Alex Glassbrook Emma Northey

On Monday evening [Alex](#) and [Emma](#) will be giving a seminar to the Transport Group of APIL: introducing the law of driverless vehicles, explaining the Automated and Electric Vehicles Act 2018 and examining some future challenges.

You can view the publication at <https://www.apil.org.uk/groups>

Three members of TGC invited to speak at the PIBA Conference

25/03/2019

Barristers involved: Marcus Grant Emma Northey Elizabeth Gallagher

Three members of Chambers were invited by the Personal Injury Bar Association [PIBA] management committee to speak to c. 250 of their peers at the annual conference at St Catherine's College, Oxford.

Marcus Grant spoke about the impact of Section 69 of the Enterprise & Regulatory Reform Act 2013 on litigating employer's liability accident at work claims 5½ years since it came into force, following on from the High Court case of Cockerell v. CXK Limited & Artwise Community Partnership [2018] EWHC 1155 in which he appeared – see link below.

Emma Northey spoke on the law surrounding driverless vehicles delivering a presentation entitled: "Thoughts on the direction of travel for common law Civil Liability and statutory Product Liability in an increasingly automated world".

Elizabeth Gallagher spoke alongside Theo Huckle QC and Denise Owen on Wellbeing at the Bar.

You can view the publication on our website <http://tgchambers.com>
