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Alice Hands has a busy and growing practice in public inquiries, investigations and inquests.

She is currently instructed as Second Junior Counsel on the Covid-19 Inquiry and was previously Second Junior Counsel on the Undercover Policing Inquiry.

Alice also has experience in personal injury and credit hire disputes, acting for Claimants and Defendants. She is known for her skills as an advocate in court and her approachability.

Prior to joining Chambers, Alice worked as a Legal Advisor to Grenfell Tower survivors and was instrumental in establishing a new legal advice clinic with the University College London Centre for Access to Justice. She has contributed to public policy in social security and housing law.

Alice also spent four-months in Houston, Texas, representing people facing the death penalty.

Expertise

Inquiries

Alice is currently instructed as Second Junior Counsel on the Covid-19 Inquiry.

Alice was instructed as Second Junior Counsel on the Undercover Policing Inquiry and Junior Junior Counsel on the Post Office Horizon IT Inquiry.

Alice was instructed by NHS England and Improvement in the independent investigation into Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust. The Chair of the investigation was Nigel Pascoe KC. Alice was involved in writing the first and second report. She also managed the disclosure of hundreds of documents from various interested parties and arranged for 50 witnesses to give evidence at the investigative public hearings, which took place over six weeks.

Alice regularly delivers webinars on the topic of inquiries, including to the Government Legal Department and TLT Solicitors.



Inquests

Alice was instructed by an interested party in an inquest into the death of a minor.

Alice provided assistance to Coroner Harris on the serious complex cases at London Inner South Coroner's Court for six-months.

Personal Injury

Alice has appeared in fast track, small claims and stage 3 hearings, acting for Claimants and Defendants. She has also provided advice in personal injury and Occupier's Liability cases. Alce has delivered webinars on this topic for MBL Seminars.

Alice has experience in the County Court, acting for both Claimants and Defendants in applications for relief from sanction, costs, default judgment and bankruptcy petitions.

Alice was successful in defending a contract dispute, with a finding in favour of the Defendant at the close of the Claimant's case and costs awarded to the Defendant on the indemnity basis.

Awards

- Sir John Priestley Scholarship, Inner Temple (2015)
- BPTC Exhibition Scholar and the Profumo Scholarship, Inner Temple (2014)

Education

- University of Kent

Memberships

- Association of Regulatory and Disciplinary Lawyers
- Personal Injuries Bar Association
- Inner Temple
- Amicus