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Rochelle Powell accepts instructions in all of Chambers' core areas of work, with a focus on personal injury, health & safety, clinical negligence, public law, inquests and inquiries.

She is regularly instructed on behalf of claimants and defendants in small claims, fast track trials, CCMCs and applications, including claims involving allegations of fundamental dishonesty and credit hire issues. She advises in writing and conference.

Rochelle is currently instructed as Junior Counsel to the Infected Blood Inquiry, led by Jenni Richards QC.

Expertise

Personal Injury

Rochelle has a busy personal injury practice and acts on behalf of both claimants and defendants. Her practice incorporates all areas of chamber's practice including cases involving accidents at work, employers' and public liability claims, Highways Acts claims and serious road traffic injuries.

Rochelle is instructed regularly in fast-track and small claims trials, applications and CCMCs. She is building a busy paper based practice and advises on quantum and liability issues.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Rochelle worked at a leading personal injury firm where she gained extensive experience of all personal injury matters and represented household insurers. This informs her understanding of the needs of both lay and professional clients.

As a pupil, Rochelle drafted a number of advices and pleadings in complex, high value personal injury claims, including aviation accidents, product liability cases and clinical negligence.

Rochelle is a contributor to the TGC Clinical Negligence Newsletter and Personal Injury Brief Update Law Journal.



Inquests & Inquiries

Rochelle is presently instructed as Junior Counsel to the Infected Blood Inquiry, frequently described as the worst treatment disaster in the history of the NHS. She acts in particular on the domestic production of blood and blood products in the UK.

Rochelle also spent a number of years on the Inquiry, prior to joining chambers. During this time her work involved leading the disclosure exercise for material held by all UK NHS Foundation Trusts and Health Boards, drafting witness statements and producing Rule 9's. She was the principal point of contact to a number of designated legal representatives, core participants and Inquiry witnesses.

During pupillage, Rochelle gained experience of Pre-Inquest Reviews and Inquests, including deaths in prison custody and hospital.

Clinical Negligence

As a pupil, Rochelle drafted a number of advices and pleadings in complex, high value clinical negligence, personal injury and product liability cases.

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Credit Hire

Rochelle undertakes a significant volume of credit hire litigation, acting for both claimants and defendants. She is familiar with all aspects of credit hire and the various issues which arise. She has successfully defended claims at trial on the basis of enforceability issues.

Public Law

Under the supervision of Sian Reeves, Rochelle gained experience of a broad spectrum of public law issues including prison law, immigration, unlawful detention and human trafficking. She gained experience in advising in judicial review and civil damages claims.

Motor Insurance Fraud

Rochelle regularly appears in trials involving allegations of fundamental dishonesty, particularly in respect of issues of causation, occupancy and induced or staged road traffic collisions.

Rochelle was awarded a distinction for her LLM thesis which considered fundamental dishonesty in personal injury litigation, with a particular focus on the developing case law and section 57 of the Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015.



Education

- LLM (Distinction), BPP University
- GDL (Commendation), BPP University
- BA (Hons) History, University of Nottingham

Languages

- Spanish

Memberships

- PIBA