


Sara Sutherland

Call 2004



Clerks

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Appointments

- Assistant Deputy Coroner (2011)

Education

- Leeds Girls High School
- Undergraduate Degree: 2:1 BSc (Hons) Psychology, University of Stirling
- Post graduate Diploma in Law at Manchester Metropolitan University, Very Competent
- Bar Vocational Course, Manchester Metropolitan University, Very Competent

Clinical Negligence

Sara has a varied clinical negligence practice and accepts instructions from a wide variety of clients. Sara has experience of cases including (but not limited to) the following:-

- (i) inappropriate management of pregnancy (including ectopic pregnancy) and labour.
- (ii) missed diagnoses and delayed diagnoses of:
 - a. cancer,
 - b. infections, including meningitis,
 - c. thrombosis,
 - d. surgical complications,
 - e. fractures,
 - f. joint conditions.
- (iii) negligent surgical procedures resulting in life changing injury,
- (iv) negligent treatment of patients in a primary care setting;
- (v) negligent performance of plastic surgery;
- (vi) failure to obtain informed consent.

Sara is regularly instructed in fatal claims that arise as a result of clinical negligence and, having been appointed as an Assistant Coroner in 2011, is perfectly positioned to act on behalf of the relevant interested party at the inquest.

Her expertise is further demonstrated by the fact she is consistently recognised as a Tier 1 'Leading Junior' for inquests and inquiries in the Legal 500 guide.

Recommendations

"Sara is supportive, knowledgeable, excellent at getting the best out of witnesses, and realistic."

“Sara is a first-rate barrister who is strong in all areas. She has excellent client skills.”

The Legal 500 2024

“Sara is very efficient and uses technology well. She is always available to discuss cases and tactics and has great empathy when dealing with sensitive issues.”

The Legal 500 2023

“Sara displays an excellent level of knowledge, supported by bags of common sense with intuition on when to be empathetic and sympathetic and when to attack!”

The Legal 500 2022

“Sara is a knowledgeable and confident lawyer. She is excellent in handling witnesses and is sensitive and empathetic to their needs thus ensuring that she gets the best of them to achieve the best possible and realistic result for her client. She is sensible and grounded in her advice.”

“Sara is very clear, confident and efficient. She is good with clients and a safe pair of hands.”

The Legal 500 2021

“Particularly adept in inquests involving medical institutions.”

“Primarily instructed on behalf of claimants.”

The Legal 500 2020

“She has particular expertise in clinical negligence cases involving infants and children.”

The Legal 500 2018/19

“Very experienced in clinical negligence cases.”

The Legal 500 2017

“An astute and persuasive lawyer.”

The Legal 500 2016

“She is honest and tenacious, and genuinely cares for clients; she goes the extra mile.”

The Legal 500 2015

“She has a broad practice, with particular expertise in industrial diseases cases.”

The Legal 500 2014

Beyond the Bar

In her spare time Sara enjoys running, skiing and playing the piano.