

Alice Dobbie

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Education

- Oxford University (MA, Classics)

Appointments

- Attorney General's B Panel
- Recorder

Personal Injury & Clinical Negligence CV Overview

Alice accepts high value cases of considerable complexity, and has a particular interest in brain injuries. She is regularly instructed by insurers in subtle brain injury cases, especially where the claim includes significant future losses or there are conflicting neurological and neuropsychological opinions. Many of her cases require forensic accountants and she has represented Defendants in claims where, for instance, the Claimant is an entrepreneur and alleges a causative link between an injury and the failure of a successful business.

Her extensive fraud practice makes her the ideal choice of counsel where insurers suspect exaggeration in high value clinical negligence cases. She is familiar with cases where fraud allegations crystallise at a late stage, or where an insurer's fraud suspicions attach only to a part of the pleaded case.

She is known for her robust drafting and is able to turn around complex pleadings, counter-schedules and Part 35 questions on tight deadlines. Her proactive approach also includes advising on costs budgeting at the outset of a case.

Cases

D v A County Council (2023), High Court: acting for the Defendant in a £3m claim following an alleged subtle brain injury and vestibular injuries.

M v NHS (2023), High Court: acting for the Defendant in a workplace assault claim which left the Claimant permanently disabled.

W v A construction company (2023), High Court: acting for the Defendant in a fall from height claim which caused a severe traumatic brain injury.

D v A construction company (2022), High Court: acting for the Defendant in a workplace accident which allegedly prevented the Claimant from working again.

D v A manufacturer and the Financial Conduct Authority (2022), High Court: acting for one of the Defendants in an occupier's liability/product liability dispute.

Recommendations

"Alice is extremely focused and organised with fantastic attention to detail. She really focuses her mind on the case she is working on and compiles sound and robust advice, and she is particularly good when considering fundamental dishonesty and has strategic ways of investigating and combatting such issues."

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"Consistently brilliant. Gifted at cutting straight to the issues and has excellent instincts."

"Her pleadings are second to none and she is engaging on her feet."

"Beautifully explained opinions."

The Legal 500, 2023

"Not afraid to pull apart any concern within a pleaded claim."

"Quick to get her message clearly across to the judge."

The Legal 500, 2022