



## Clerks' Details

Megan Hawke

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### **Education**

Distinction - Master of Laws, Bar Vocational Course, (BPP Law School)

Graduate Diploma in Law, (The University of Sheffield)Distinction – Contract Law

Diploma, (London Centre for Advanced Training and Education)

#### Scholarships and Awards

- Major Exhibition, the Honourable Society of Inner Temple
- Scholarship, BPP Law School
- PASS, The Honourable Society of Inner Temple
- The University of Sheffield Postgraduate Scholarship
- The University of Sheffield Graduate Award

# Memberships

The Honourable Society of Inner Temple Personal Injury Bar Association Employment Law Bar Association Chancery Bar Association

## Inquests CV

Jack's broad practice includes a particular insight into inquests, for which he is in high demand. He has amassed substantial experience of acting at inquests, including in controversial and high-profile matters.

Jack prides himself on taking a compassionate, sensitive and supportive role when working with bereaved families and witnesses at Inquests, undoubtedly assisted by his years of volunteering as a Telephone Samaritan. This approach allows them to be guided through the inquest process as easily as possible.

He prepares for inquests meticulously, bringing a forensic eye to complex medical evidence, post-mortem reports and investigations. Jack welcomes the opportunity to advise on papers or in conference.

Jack has ably represented clients at Pre-Inquest Reviews, Jamieson inquests and Middleton inquests. He is aware of the nuances and subtleties that arise in different forms of inquest and is comfortable addressing the Coroner with or without a jury.

Set alongside his Personal Injury work, Jack understands how effective representation at an inquest can greatly assist in securing powerful evidence for potential future claims, involving clinical negligence, accidents at work or RTAs.

He has also been instructed by public bodies including health authorities, social care organisations, trades unions, and the Ministries of Justice and Defence

Above all, Jack is an insightful, intelligent and adaptive advocate whose approach ensures the best possible outcome in this unique area of law.



## Recommendations

#### **Solicitor Recommendations:**

"Great result, excellent client management... Very likely [to instruct again]."

#### **Commercial Solicitors**

"I could not be happier with the service Jack provided. Ordinarily I wouldn't attend hearings of this nature to sit behind counsel and did so on this occasion to make sure that all would be covered off. I need not have been concerned. Jack was fully read into the papers and switched on to each and every point (and one I had missed). His capability is that of someone with far more years on their feet. In any event I am glad I attended because of the opportunity to chat to Jack and get to know him and see his interaction with the lay client. Jack did not allow anything to ruffle his feathers, he calmly made the points and made sure that the judge's misunderstanding was corrected and ultimately won the judge over with a great outcome for the client."

"I really do feel that Jack's background prior to the bar is of real benefit to solicitors and the lay clients and will be delighted to send further instructions across as and when they hit my desk. It will be my pleasure to continue to develop a working relationship with such a personable character as Jack."

#### **Commercial Solicitors**

"Jack did contact me prior to the hearing and we had a discussion about his thoughts and how he felt the hearing would go. Jack is extremely approachable, listening to concerns. Feedback from the Claimant he represented was also really positive. Jack won the case as predicted and contacted myself promptly following the hearing which was very useful for me in terms of updating our insurer client. I would highly recommend Jack to my colleagues and really look forward to working with him again in the future."

#### **Personal Injury Solicitors**

"I found it great working with Jack. He was easy to contact to discuss the case and provided his view on the prospects of success. I thought Jack performed well at the hearing, particularly in circumstances where both the Defendants and the Judge were difficult to deal with. I also had a de-brief with Jack after the hearing about the outcome. We were happy with the outcome of the hearing because we obtained Judgment against the Defendants. I would definitely consider instructing Jack in the future."

#### **Commercial Solicitors**



#### **Judicial Recommendations:**

"Dear Mr Scott,

I found your skeleton argument very well prepared and you conducted the trial in a highly professional manner. I wish you well for the future in your legal career that will doubtless be very successful."

Judge

#### Lay Client Reccomendations:

"Jack was absolutely amazing. He explained everything to us specially my son"

"Jack was brilliant from the off. He negotiated the best possible outcome for us and we were extremely happy with the service he provided for us."

"I was nervous but Jack made me feel at ease. Everything was explained clearly which definitely helped as I was unfamiliar with the process. During the hearing Jack acted professionally and seemed very knowledgeable. Wouldn't hesitate to recommend."

"Brilliant, very informative, great in court and great at explaining the whole situation and giving a debrief afterwards. Thank you very much Jack!"

"Jack explained everything clearly to someone who had never attended a trial before and was genuinely interested in supporting me through it. He was professional, calm and represented me well. His follow up call after was welcome to explain things clearly. I would recommend Jack."

"Jack was professional, knowledgeable and helpful. It was reassuring to have him working my case and in the hearing with me. He had done his research, knew the case and the legislative arguments that would ensue as a result therefore he was not phased by the process and presented very well in court. Thank you Jack."

"It was a pleasure to work with Jack, and he offered full support. We spoke before and after the hearing. He did a great job helping me to understand the full process and I was very impressed with his cross examination. I would recommend him."

"Jack was friendly and explained everything that was going to happen he was very supportive throughout. After he asked if we had any questions on what had happened and if we understood everything that had been said. Was happy to answer any of our questions and didn't make us feel like we needed to rush."



"Jack contacted me the day before & explained the whole process. Gave pointers & advice regarding preparation. Jack spoke about the details of my case & the issues within it. Jack then followed up with a call the next morning to check everything was ready. As we had a remote hearing I had some technical difficulties caused by the court not having my correct details & pass code which he was able to sort out promptly. Jack spoke to me after the hearing with final thoughts. I found Jack help invaluable in a successful conclusion of the matter"

"Jack was very good, the brief pre-trial chat was reassuring and focused, his manner was calm and concentrated."

"Jack from the beginning to the end was very good he did all of above and more. Jack was very reassuring to me made me feel at ease very supportive of the case explained everything so well. He was great at the hearing he advised me well and the outcome was great he called me after and it was a lovely phone call I'm so relieved and thankful it's over and that I had Jack to represent me today."

"I found Jack to be very courteous, thorough and extremely helpful. Jack guided me through the process before it started and he explained exactly how the hearing would take place and he checked to make sure that I understood. He also explained certain terminology and some of the common errors to avoid making. Jack discussed the strengths of my case and the areas of weakness that may be highlighted. He was very professional and this assisted with my confidence. During the hearing, Jack was confident and assertive but maintained a polite manner at all times. He was smartly dressed and his appearance and demeanour was far superior than the claimants barrister. I felt extremely supported by Jack throughout the whole process, as he contacted me before and after the hearing, with clear explanations of the process and its findings."

"I felt very supported by Jack seeings as I had never done anything like this before. He eased my worries straight from the off. Jack was very professional and was very straightforward with his questions and felt he was also there to answer any of my questions. I believe we got the outcome we did because of Jack."