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Profile

Katherine Howells is ranked in Chambers and Partners, Legal 500 and Who's Who Legal. The directories say the following:

"She has a mastery of the financial detail combined with a steadfast resolve to achieve the best result."

"She is not afraid to fight her client's corner in court."

"She has a good eye for the points that really matter and a steely confidence in argument."

"She is regarded as a leading junior in relation to passenger liability."

"Katherine Howells boasts a "sharp intellect" and "always goes the extra mile to secure the best results for clients"

"She has the forensic focus to get straight to the issue in a case."

Katherine Howells specialises in personal injury, clinical negligence, travel, aviation and associated commercial proceedings. She has extensive experience acting for both Claimants and Defendants.

Katherine's domestic practice has a focus on high-value fatal and traumatic injuries sustained in road traffic and workplace accidents, particularly brain injuries, together with cases involving occupiers' and public liability issues and hospital acquired injuries. She also has a significant travel practice with a particular specialist knowledge of and interest in aviation matters. Katherine deals frequently with claims involving accidents overseas or foreign nationals injured or killed in the UK, questions of jurisdiction and applicable law, the right to cross border recovery of benefits under EC Regulation 883/2004, claims under the Package Travel Regulations and Athens Convention, Montreal Convention passenger injury, delay and lost or damaged baggage claims, delayed and denied boarding and downgrading claims under EC Regulation 261/2004 and accidents on board aircraft (including hot air balloons and microlights) or at airports or airfields. She is also experienced in dealing with contractual and other recovery proceedings made by tour operators against foreign suppliers, aviation maintenance disputes and claims concerning IATA Ground Handling Agreements. Katherine's recent reported cases include *Bianco v Bennett* [2015], *Yapp v Foreign and Commonwealth Office* [2014] and *Donkers & BGV v Storm Aviation v Lufthansa* [2014].

Recent and current work

- *Yapp v. Foreign and Commonwealth Office* [2013] IRLR 616. Stress claim arising out of withdrawal from post of Britain's High



Commissioner to Belize;

- *Donkers & BGV v. Storm Aviation v. Lufthansa* [2014] EWHC 241 (QB). Claim by double amputee German national aircraft engineer and a German Social Security Institute arising out of an accident at Manchester Airport and linked claim for an indemnity under an IATA standard form Ground Handling Agreement;
- Claim against an airline and an agency providing medical advice to cabin crew by telephone arising out of a heart attack suffered by a passenger during a long haul flight;
- Claim by a detainee custody officer bitten on the face by an HIV positive detainee in transit for deportation to her country of origin;
- Claim arising out of the death of a teenage volunteer during a conservation expedition to Fiji;
- Claim arising out of a serious road traffic collision said to have been caused by a driver suffering a heart attack at the wheel;
- Claim by multiple passengers seeking compensation for delay under the Montreal Convention having been denied boarding on a flight from Jeddah to Riyadh en route to London;
- Claim by a fashion designer who sustained orthopaedic and psychiatric injuries when run over by a limousine which mounted the pavement he was walking along;
- Claim by a firefighter who sustained injuries when rescuing a driver trapped in her car following a collision;
- Claim arising out of the death in hospital of a patient who had recently undergone a total knee replacement.

Professional Memberships

- Travel and Tourism Lawyers Association
- Personal Injury Bar Association
- South Eastern Circuit