Sabrina Hartshorn

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Sabrina Hartshorn is a busy personal injury and clinical negligence practitioner.

She has extensive experience in all forms of personal injury work including employer liability, fatal accident cases, public liability, occupier liability and RTA. Sabrina has particular experience in the field of occupational disease and is a contributor to the Occupational Disease Chapter in Kemp & Kemp.

Sabrina acts exclusively for claimants. She is highly regarded for her clear and practical advice and ability to put clients at ease. She typically secures favourable outcomes for her clients with her straightforward and collaborative approach. This, combined with her ability to communicate complex medical and legal matters builds trust and confidence in conference and in court.

Areas of Expertise

Personal Injury

Sabrina undertakes all forms of personal injury work. She is regularly instructed in multiple and significant orthopaedic injury claims, fatal accident and chronic pain claims. She lectures on all aspects of personal injury and has had articles published on the subject. Published articles include an article on the discount rate and investment advice published in the Journal of Personal Injury Law in Issue 1 2018 and an article on s33 Limitation Act published in the Journal of Personal Injury Law in Issue 2 2019.

Notable Personal Injury cases

JJ v SL

Sabrina is currently advising Claimant on contributory negligence and quantum in a claim for damages following an RTA where Claimant has sustained spinal cord contusion and likely brachial plexus injury. The case requires involvement and management of a number of experts from different disciplines to deal with the Claimant's complex ongoing care needs.

DG(Administrator of the Estate of SG) v SM

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Sabrina advised, pleaded and successfully secured settlement in a fatal accident claim arising out of an RTA in which liability and quantum were in dispute. Liability centred upon issues of ice and mud on road and underinflation of tyres. Sabrina also represented the family at the inquest, securing a favourable narrative verdict on behalf of the family.

SG v AL

Sabrina advised on issues of contributory negligence and quantum and assisted in securing settlement of £200,000 in a claim where Claimant, a pedestrian, sustained a mild traumatic brain injury as a result of being run over by a motorbike.

Ansell v PA Baxter & Sons Limited

Sabrina advised on liability and quantum and successfully secured favourable settlement where Claimant developed CRPS following an accident at work.

Novikovaite v Transport for London

Sabrina advised and successfully secured settlement in a dependency claim involving a cohabitee and son arising out of the Croydon Train Derailment.

MS v TLS

Advised and successfully secured £250,000 settlement following a JSM for the Claimant following an assault by a student where the Claimant had sustained PTSD and was unable to return to a teaching career.

Occupational Disease

Sabrina is experienced counsel in the field of occupational disease, particularly NIHL, HAVS, Asbestos, COSHH, WRULD, Dermatitis and Occupational Asthma. She advises on complex issues of causation, breach of duty and limitation representing Claimants nationwide. She not only contributes to the Occupational Disease Chapter in Kemp & Kemp but is also a contributing editor to the latest edition of Asbestos Claims by 9 Gough Chambers.

Notable Occupational Disease cases

SR v MOD

Military claim for noise damage in which a young paratrooper sustained significant hearing loss and severe tinnitus during the course of his military service leading to a medical discharge from the army. Breach of duty was admitted but causation was denied.

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Sabrina was involved from the inception of the claim advising on liability, the medical evidence required to support causation, representing the Claimant in a JSM where favourable settlement was achieved

AM (Executor of Estate of WM) v TCL and others

fatal mesothelioma claim where Sabrina has represented the family at the inquest, securing a favourable narrative verdict on behalf of the family, drafting pleadings and advising on liability and quantum.

CC v BF and others

Sabrina has advised on liability and quantum where Claimant has developed pleural thickening after exposure to asbestos during his employment. Specifically advised on service of the claim form and restoration of dissolved companies to the register and limitation.

Besser v Bradken UK Limited

Sabrina advised, pleaded and successfully secured settlement in a provisional damages claim following the Claimant developing silicosis as a result of exposure to silica dust.

Clinical Negligence & Healthcare

Sabrina is regularly instructed to deal with a variety of clinical negligence work ranging from delay in diagnosis claims, mis-diagnosis claims, negligent surgery, claims involving failure to admit for acute psychosis leading to suicide, dental negligence and cosmetic surgery claims.

Notable Clinical Negligence & Healthcare cases

TC v UHB NHS Trust

Currently being led by Jacob Levy QC in a claim for the permanent nerve damage sustained as a result of delay in offering decompressive surgery for a prolapsed lumbar disc. Sabrina has been involved from the inception of the claim settling the letter of claim, drafting particulars of claim and a provisional schedule of loss. Breach of duty has been admitted but causation is denied. The case involves complex issues of causation and the involvement of spinal surgeons, pain specialists, psychologists and care experts.

RH (Executrix of the estate of CH) v Central and Northwest London NHS Foundation Trust

Dependency claim brought on behalf of family following the Claimant's late husband committing suicide whilst under the care of the

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Defendant trust. Sabrina advised on breach of duty, causation and quantum. Settlement was successfully secured.

VT v Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Trust

Negligent treatment of a bowel condition caused the Claimant to undergo a number of further operations to her colon resulting in significant inpatient admissions to hospital, development of incisional hernias and worsening of bowel symptoms. Sabrina was involved in settling schedule of loss, drafting agendas and securing favourable settlement on behalf of the Claimant.

ML v RN

Cosmetic surgery claim following a negligent breast reduction resulting in bilateral nipple necrosis. Sabrina was involved form the inception of the claim advising, pleading and securing a favourable settlement for the Claimant.

Education

- MA(Hons), University of Edinburgh 1999
- PgDL College of Law London 2000

Memberships

- Personal Injury Bar Association
- South Eastern Circuit
- APIL

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