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Sarah undertakes high value, complex and sensitive personal injury claims of all kinds, acting both for claimants and for defendants. As well as being lauded by the directories for her courtroom advocacy and legal knowledge, she is well known to leading firms as a skilled negotiator, and is valued by clients for her sensitive handling of difficult cases.

Sarah specialises in travel law claims, including claims under the Package Travel Regulations 2018, the Athens and Montreal Conventions, and at common law; she also has a particular expertise in all aspects of conflict of law and jurisdiction.

Together with her colleagues Matthew Chapman and Jack Harding she co-wrote the most recent editions of Saggerson on Travel Law. Sarah also contributes to publications produced internationally by the Estoril Higher Institute for Tourism and Hotel Studies, and most recently contributed chapters to its Collective Commentary on the New Package Travel Directive (ESHTE, 2020, chapters on Article 21 and on transposition into UK law) and to its book *Tourism Law in Europe* (ESHTE, 2021, chapter on tourism law in the UK). She has written the chapter on England and Wales in [The Legal Impacts of Covid-19 in the Travel, Tourism and Hospitality Industry \(ESTHE, 2021\)](#). Sarah also finds the time to update the chapter of the Encyclopaedia of Insurance Law on the Motor Insurers' Bureau.

Sarah was invited to join the Consultative Group of Experts to the UNWTO Committee for the Development of an International Code for the Protection of Tourists; the Code has now been adopted by the UNWTO and is being implemented internationally. In addition, she is an academic collaborator of the UNWTO Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean. She has also been co-opted to the Admiralty Court Users' Committee as a representative of the personal injury Bar.

Sarah supports her Inn's efforts to expand membership of the Bar more equitably, and has acted as a judge in the inter-Inns debating competition at both quarter- and semi-final stages. She is taking her interest in supporting students further with involvement in the Young Citizens mock trial scheme and other educational outreach, including marking the Inner Temple Students Association essay competition and qualifying as an advocacy trainer. She is also a qualified exam invigilator.

Areas of Expertise

Travel & Cross Border Claims

Sarah undertakes work in all areas of cross border work, encompassing claims involving issues of private international law, package holidays, international carriage, contractual recovery and cross border clinical negligence, and her caseload reflects this breadth of practice.

Notable Travel & Cross Border Claims cases

Sherman v Readers Offers Limited [2023] EWHC 524 (KB)

Cancellation and/or alteration of itinerary in a package holiday case.

ST v BAI [2022] EWCA Civ 1037

The appropriate approach to applications for permission to extend the lifetime of a claim form for service outside the jurisdiction.

Stait v Cosmos Insurance [2022] EWCA Civ 1429

Jurisdiction and residence in the case of members of the armed forces posted overseas. Application for permission to appeal currently being considered by the Supreme Court.

Klifa v Slater [2022] ILPr 15

Jurisdiction in a cross border road traffic claim.

Chowdhury v PZU [2022] ILPr 8

Residence and jurisdiction in a cross border road traffic claim.

McBee v McBee, settled July 2021

A high value personal injury claim in which the governing law was unclear and the interplay between English and South Carolinian law and practice was highly complex.

Alli-Balogun v On the Beach v MPYTT [2021] 1 WLR 193

Service out of the jurisdiction in a recovery claim by a tour operator against a bed bank.

Mahapatra v TUI [2021] 1 Lloyds Rep 71

Applicability of the Athens Convention in a disembarkation case.

Lackey v Mallorca Mega Resorts, Generali [2020] 1 All ER 558

Jurisdiction in a cross border consumer claim.

Schofield v Gultepe, judgment December 2019

Liability in a high value cross border maritime claim.

Collins v Lawrence [2018] 1 Lloyds Rep 603

Applicability of the Athens Convention in a disembarkation case.

Foran v Secret Surgery Limited [2016] 5 WLUK 92

Service outside the jurisdiction.

Cook v Virgin Media Limited [2016] 1 WLR 1672:

Forum non conveniens in cases with a Scottish connection.

Lougheed v On the Beach [2014] 11 WLUK 780

Leading case on local standards in package holiday claims.

Japp v Virgin Holidays Limited [2014] PIQR RP8

Local standards in package holiday claims.

Harrison v Jagged Globe [2012] 5 WLUK 867

Leading case on assumption of responsibility for guides in package holiday claims.

Michael v Musgrave [2012] 2 Lloyds Rep 37

Definition of 'seagoing vessel' for the purposes of the Athens Convention

Milner v Carnival Plc [2010] 3 All ER 701:

Leading case on quantification of damages in holiday claims.

Moore v Hotelplan [2010] 2 WLUK 619

Liability of a tour operator for excursions.

Bonsall v Cattolica Assicurazioni [2010] ILPr 45

Applicability and entry into force of the Rome II Regulation in a cross border road traffic claim.

Appointments

- Inns of Court School of Law 1997
- LLB (Hons) Law, Nottingham University 1996

Awards

- Lawyer International's – Legal 100 2024 – Personal Injury Adviser of the Year – UK
- Global 100, 2024 – Personal Injury Adviser of the Year – UK
- Who's Who Legal: UK Bar 2023 – World's Leading Practitioners
- Who's Who Legal: Hospitality 2023 – World's Leading Practitioners
- Lawyer International's – Legal 100 2023 – Personal Injury Adviser of the Year – UK
- WWL – World Leading Practitioner in Hospitality
- Corporate America Today – Annual Awards 2023 – Personal Injury Adviser of the Year – UK
- Corporate Live Wire: Global Awards 2022/23 – Personal Injury Lawyer of the Year – UK
- M&A Today – Global Awards – 2023 -Personal Injury Adviser of the Year – UK
- Global 100, 2023 – Personal Injury Adviser of the Year – UK
- Personal Injury Advisor of the Year 2022: Global 100 and Lawyer International Legal 100
- Travel Lawyer of the Year 2022: Best Lawyers UK
- Personal Injury Advisor of the Year 2021: Lawyer Monthly Women In Law Awards

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Bonsall v Cattolica Assicurazioni [2010] ILPr 45
Holden v First Choice [2006] 5 WLUK 787
Lambert v Travelsphere [2004] 9 WLUK 9

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