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Claire McGregor

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Claire McGregor practices in a wide range of public and civil law, with a particular emphasis on environmental law, construction and engineering, and private international law.

Cross-border litigation forms a significant part of Claire's practice. As such, she has developed expertise in the conflicts of laws, and advises on private international issues which typically arise in this type of litigation. Claire has also been instructed as an independent expert in domestic proceedings to advise on discrete private international law issues.

Before joining the bar, Claire worked for three years at Leigh Day and Co solicitors where she was closely involved in the 'Trafigura case' in which some 30,000 claimants from the Ivory Coast sued oil multinational Trafigura for compensation following a toxic waste spillage in Abidjan. This became the largest group litigation case in the UK and resulted in a compensation settlement for the claimants.

Claire also worked for a year as a legal advisor for refugees at Africa and Middle-East Refugee Assistance (AMERA), an NGO based in Cairo, Egypt. There, she provided legal advice and representation to refugees from across Africa specialising in francophone countries.

Claire speaks French and Spanish fluently, and is happy to consider papers or have conferences in those languages.

"She delivers very confident cross-examinations and has wide appeal as she has both great expertise and a great way of putting clients at ease." "A very bright junior and a rising star at the Bar, she is dedicated and a creative thinker."

Chambers & Partners 2018

"In an advocacy situation she has all the details at her fingertips."

Chambers & Partners 2016

"She's bright, sensible and pragmatic and is incredibly good at dealing sympathetically with families of those involved in serious healthcare incidents."

Chambers & Partners 2014

Environmental Law

Claire has extensive experience representing claimants in complex tort cases, typically where environmental damage leads to claims for personal injury and financial loss.

She represented local communities and fishermen in proceedings against Shell subsidiaries in Nigeria for extensive oil spillage affecting their livelihoods and causing long-term damage to the environment.

She acted for a group of farmers in Colombia in proceedings against former subsidiaries of BP for the damage caused to their farms and livelihoods as a result of the construction of the OCENSA pipeline. Claire was involved in the trial in this claim which lasted six months.

Claire has experience working on large multi-party actions and advises on the strategic and procedural issues which emerge in such proceedings.

Much of Claire's work involves construction or engineering issues surrounding large infrastructure projects, and in particular linear construction projects. Claire also has extensive experience with contaminated water sources, remedial works for polluted environments and airport engineering.

Clinical Negligence

Claire is instructed, usually for claimants, in a wide range of clinical negligence claims against NHS hospitals, dentists and optometry surgeries.

Personal Injury

Claire often instructed for claimants and has developed particular expertise in fatalities claims.

Education

- LLM Public International Law, London School of Economics
- BA Law & Anthropology, London School of Economics