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Lucy has a busy practice across all of Chambers' main areas, with particular expertise in public inquiries and inquests, clinical negligence, personal injury (including abuse), and public and human rights law. She was recently nominated as a Rising Star at the 2024 Inspirational Women in Law Awards.

Lucy has experience acting in high-value and complex cases both in her own right and led by silks. Lucy has appeared unled in the High Court, the County Court, the Upper Tribunal and the Coroner's Court, and in planning inquiries, and has been led in cases up to the Court of Appeal.

Lucy is a member of the Attorney General's C Panel. She has been part of the Government Office for Science's team on the Covid-19 Inquiry for a number of years.

Lucy is committed to pro bono representation and has been instructed on a pro-bono basis for Advocate and the Environmental Law Foundation. Lucy was previously nominated for Advocate's Young Pro Bono Barrister of the Year. Read about Lucy's pro bono experience here.

Lucy is a co-presenter of Law Pod UK.

Clinical Negligence

Lucy acts for both claimants and defendants across a wide range of clinical negligence matters. She regularly advises on both liability and quantum, prepares pleadings, conducts conferences, and appears in interlocutory hearings in the High Court and County Court. Lucy has experience in complex and high value cases led by silks in Chambers and in her own right. Lucy has experience across a range of medical issues, and is developing a particular interest in women's health, including obstetric and gynaecological claims.

After pupillage, Lucy was seconded to a leading partner in a tier 1 claimant clinical negligence law firm, where

she gained experience of high value, complex claims, particularly involving birth injuries and brain injuries.

Lucy contributes to the 1COR Quarterly Medical Law Review (QLMR) and covers clinical negligence matters on Law Pod UK.

Selected Cases

- Instructed in a catastrophic birth injury claim on behalf of a child with severe cerebral palsy, led by Henry Witcomb KC (ongoing)
- Secured six figure settlement for the Claimant in a still birth claim
- Instructed in a claim on behalf of a child with a brain injury following a negligent forceps delivery, led by Henry Witcomb KC (ongoing)
- Instructed on behalf of the Defendant NHS Trust in a high value birth injury claim led by Angus McCullough KC (ongoing)
- Secured an eight figure settlement for the Claimant in a neonatal injury claim, led by John Whitting KC (2025)

Personal Injury

Lucy is developing a broad personal injury practice, acting for claimants and defendants across a range of matters including occupiers' liability, employers' liability, health and safety, public liability and road traffic accidents. Lucy advises on liability and quantum, and regularly appears in court in multi-track, fast-track and small claims personal injury trials.

In addition to her broad personal injury practice, Lucy has a specialist practice representing survivors of childhood and sexual abuse and neglect.

Lucy gained experience of complex personal injury litigation, including catastrophic injury, fatal accident and traumatic brain injury claims under the supervision of Shahram Sharghy.

Public Law

Lucy accepts instructions across a full range of public law and human rights issues for both claimants and public bodies.

Lucy has a particular interest in public healthcare matters. Lucy was recently led by Philip Havers KC in the High Court and Court of Appeal, representing an online pharmacy in judicial review proceedings against the CQC. Prior to pupillage Lucy provided research assistance in relation to a wide variety of public law cases, including Devon Partnership NHS Trust v SSHSC [2021] EWHC 101 (Admin), which considered whether the Mental Health Act 1983 allowed for remote examinations of patients (read more here).

During pupillage, Lucy worked on a range of judicial review matters. Lucy also has academic experience in

public law: prior to pupillage Lucy edited OUP's practitioner text, Judicial Review: Principles and Procedure (2nd ed forthcoming) and was a visiting lecturer in public law at City Law School.

Lucy is a member of the Attorney General's C panel.

Public Inquiries

Lucy is currently instructed in the Covid-19 Inquiry by the Government Legal Department, representing the Government Office for Science and the former and current Government Chief Scientific Advisers, Sir Patrick Vallance and Professor Dame Angela McLean.

Lucy gained experience of public inquiries, including the Manchester Arena Inquiry, the Post Office Horizon IT Inquiry, and the Infected Blood Inquiry, during pupillage under the supervision of Matthew Hill and Alasdair Henderson.

Inquests

Lucy is regularly instructed to represent families and other interested persons such as NHS Trusts, GPs and Local Authorities in inquests. She has experience of inquests which engage Article 2 and juries, and which involve a range of issues including deaths in prison, mental illness and children's services involvement.

Lucy is the co-author of a chapter in the forthcoming second edition of The Inquest Book: The Law of Coroners and Inquests: Inquests Concerning Mental Health and Capacity (with Michael Deacon).

Lucy accepts pro bono instructions in appropriate cases.

Selected Cases

- Inquest into the death of AB: representing the family of man who had significant additional needs requiring 24/7 care, who was admitted to hospital with aspiration pneumonitis and subsequently developed fatal sepsis. Lucy acted pro-bono, through a referral from Mencap.
- Inquest into the death of SH: representing the family in an inquest concerning the self-inflicted death of a teenager with complex needs and multi-agency involvement in his care.
- Inquest into the death of PS: represented the family in a week long, jury inquest into the death of a three-year-old who died of sepsis caused by invasive strep A.
- Inquest into the death of DB: represented the family in a week long prison inquest, concerning an inmate, DB, who ligatured when placed in the prison's segregation unit after ingesting 'hooch'.
- Inquest into the death of OD: represented the family in a two-week prison inquest. The jury concluded that OD died by suicide with a finding of neglect. Their narrative conclusion identified failures on the part of the primary healthcare provider, the NHS Trust responsible for mental healthcare, and prison staff. The Coroner issued a PFD report to the NHS Trust.
- Inquest into the death of AB: represented a local authority in a week long inquest concerning a self-

inflicted death in a specialist mental health residential placement.
- Inquest into the death of AB: acted pro-bono in a week long inquest for the family of a teenager who died by suicide in a residential care home. The Coroner issued a PFD report to the company that ran the care home, identifying seven areas of concern.

Environmental Law

Lucy is keen to develop her practice in environmental law. Lucy recently appeared successfully, pro bono, on behalf of a local residents' society in a complex five day planning inquiry examining a proposal to build 80 flats on a site which has been used as allotments for over 100 years in Isleworth, West London. Lucy and Rajkiran Arhestey were nominated for an Advocate pro bono award for their work. Read more about the inquiry here.

Equality and Discrimination Law

Lucy accepts instructions in claims involving equality and discrimination law. Lucy has particular expertise in claims involving discrimination issues, especially those affecting the LGBTQ+ community.

Appointments

- Executive Committee Member, Lawyers for Palestinian Human Rights (LPHR)
- Attorney General's C Panel

Awards

- Bedingfield Scholarship, Gray's Inn (2019)
- David Karmel Award, Gray's Inn (2018)
- Bar Council Law Reform Essay Competition, winning GDL entry (2018)
- City University GDL & BPTC Scholarships (2018; 2019)
- AHRC Doctoral Training Partnership Studentship Award (2017)
- Senior Scholarship, Exeter College (2017)
- Gibbs Prize (Proxime Accessit) for third highest mark in History Finals, University of Oxford (2016)
- Fitzgerald Prize, Exeter College, University of Oxford (2014; 2016)
- Waugh Scholarship, Exeter College, University of Oxford (2014; 2015)

Education

- Bar Practice Training Course (Very Competent), City Law School (2020)
- Graduate Diploma in Law (Distinction), City Law School (2019)
- MSt in British and European History (Distinction), University of Oxford (2018)
- BA in History (First Class, 3rd in year), University of Oxford (2016)

Memberships

- ALBA
- HRLA
- YLAL
- PIBA

Publications

- Co-presenter of Law Pod UK.
- Contributor to the 1COR Quarterly Medical Law Review (QMLR)
- Contributor to the UK Human Rights Blog.