

Kate Prestidge

Senior Solicitor - Gallagher Bassett Speciality

OVERVIEW



Industry

Experience: 18 years



Credentials:

- Trained with both the NSPCC and Mentor Forensics.



Specialism:

- Abuse, Safeguarding and Mental Health claims

KEY ATTRIBUTES

- Passion for supporting organisations with their safeguarding requirements.
- Regularly instructed to draft child protection and safeguarding policies for organisations, as well as provide live safeguarding advice immediately following a disclosure or notifiable incident.
- Experienced in providing organisations with advice in sensitive and high profile matters.

EXPERIENCE

Kate qualified as a Solicitor in 2004 and currently heads up the sensitive claims team where she specialises in handling abuse and mental health claims. Kate has worked exclusively within the area of sensitive claims for the last 15 years and has experience of advising local authorities in high profile cases as well as advising high profile and high-net-worth individuals.

Kate was part of a small working group who dedicated over three years to drafting and implementing the largest redress scheme for historical abuse in the UK. Once implemented, Kate oversaw the operation of the Scheme.

As a result of her unrivalled experience in this area, Kate is frequently asked to advise Local Authorities on complex social care matters involving issues of Child Sexual Exploitation, trafficking, modern slavery and county lines gang involvement.

Kate's Clients include Local Authorities, Insurers, Charities, Sports Organisations and Educational Establishments. She advises on all aspects of sensitive claims to include safeguarding, child sexual abuse (recent and non-recent), neglect (children and vulnerable adults), adult social care and mental health claims resulting in suicide and attempted suicide.

Kate has a particular passion for supporting organisations with their safeguarding requirements and Kate is uniquely placed to offer such advice, having trained with both the NSPCC and Mentor Forensics (the latter of whom also train the Police). Kate is regularly instructed to draft child protection and safeguarding policies for organisations, as well as provide live safeguarding advice immediately following a disclosure or notifiable incident. Kate works with leading experts and advisors in safeguarding when required, to ensure her clients have access to the very best advice and support.

Ron Ruston

Senior Solicitor - Gallagher Bassett Speciality

OVERVIEW



Industry Experience:
28 years



Qualifications:
▪ Solicitor LLB.Hons



Specialism:
▪ EL/PL, High & Complex Loss, Regulatory

KEY ATTRIBUTES

- Ability to act quickly and proactively when assistance is required on sensitive or high profile matters.
- Advocacy experience in Magistrates, Crown and Inquest Hearings.
- Identification of fraudulent claims leading to discontinuance and criminal prosecution.
- Assisting clients with defensibility projects, disclosure packs and policy reviews

EXPERIENCE

Ron has been a qualified solicitor since 1994 and has been involved with the public sector since 2006.

He was formerly a partner at both Kennedys and Plexus Law and has worked within the insurance industry since that time. The work load he has carried has been predominantly public sector but always defending claims. His practice area has been employers & public liability, motor, train operators & property. He has experience dealing with disease matters, blue light authorities and has had extensive experience of high value and multiple party claims.

He has extensive experience in fraud related claims, injunctions, false imprisonment, misfeasance in public office, GDPR breaches and landlord & tenant disrepair claims.

As a former criminal duty solicitor Ron has represented drivers in relation to regulatory issues including police station representation in magistrates and crown court proceedings and inquest hearings. His experience covers motor related offences , HSE & Environmental Agency investigations and prosecutions. He has appeared before the Traffic Commissioners and regularly speaks at conferences for both the transport and public sector conferences.

Reported cases include;

Hewitt v. Hertfordshire C.C

Plana v. First Capital East Ltd

Nicholson v. Thames Water Utilities Ltd

Lakanal House tower block fire

Buncefield explosion dealing with the recovery action for clean and enviromental costs.

Tina Kerry

Litigation Manager - Gallagher Bassett Speciality

OVERVIEW



Industry Experience:
18 years



Qualifications:
▪ Law Degree LLB.Hons



Specialism:
▪ Motor and EL/PL Claims

KEY ATTRIBUTES

- Comprehensive understanding with dealing with litigated matters, attentive to ensure the correct result is achieved.
- Dealt with a Automism Case which proceeded to trial, the decision was then challenged and we successfully achieved the correct outcome for the Defendant at an Appeal.

EXPERIENCE

Tina has over 10 years of experience, as a litigation assistant from both a Claimant and Defendant background and then onto a Litigation Manager role where she was leading a motor liability team. Tina has predominantly law firm experience having spent the majority of her career working at Kennedys Law.

At Kennedys, Tina severed as a Litigation Assistant and collaborated with Counsel in defending and pursuing personal injury motor claims some being high profile for insurers and specialises in procedural and technical disputes arising from motor claims including policy indemnity, liability, quantum and credit hire. She also worked at Silverbeck Rymer in the fraud team on the Claimant side.

Tina left Kennedys having actively managed client relationships namely ERS, providing detailed advice to clients with consideration to economic tactics and focuses on achieving the best commercial outcome.

Tina has extensive experience in assisting with audits within the business and compliance matters and takes great care in delivering the best service to each of her clients. Tina left university with a Law Degree in 2007 and from there has maintained and kept up with the legal world by ensuring she attends all relevant seminars to date.