

IRLA Academy Session - London

Claims Updates

08 October 2024 10:00 – 16:00

Your speakers

Jayne Adams KC, Ropewalk Chambers

Barrister

Jayne has extensive experience in disease, high value personal injury, clinical negligence, fraud and sports claims.

She is frequently requested by insurers to advise and represent in cutting-edge disease claims.

She is often invited to provide lectures in all of the areas above, but particularly in the industrial disease field to both solicitor and insurer clients.

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Liam Bedford, IRLA Head of Academy, Kennedys Law LLP

Liam is a senior associate in Kennedy's Leeds office, and a practicing barrister. He was co-opted to the IRLA board of directors in April 2023 and is the Development (Personal) aka Head of Academy.

His case load is primarily asbestos-related claims litigated in the High Court. Liam has a specialism acting for local authorities on strategic points, such as foreseeability of risk to firemen and in respect of emerging diseases. He has experience across a wide range of disease types such as asthma, dermatitis, silicosis, HAVS and NIHL. Liam has won several reported asbestos cases in the High Court on breach of duty such as *McGowan v AMEC [2017]* and on the application of the Limitation Act 1980 in *Fudge v FG Minter [2018]*. He also undertakes all interim Advocacy in the county and high courts and from his pupillage has an active interest in costs litigation.

Liam is a “recommended lawyer” in the 2020/21 edition of The Legal 500. Also in 2021, Liam was named the IRLA Young Professional of the Year.

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Malcolm Keen, Clyde & Co

Malcolm is a Senior Associate in Clyde & Co’s London Disease Team. He specialises in complex, strategic and appellate litigation, including cases with multi-jurisdictional elements. He is qualified in New York as well as England & Wales. He has had day-to-day conduct of the Aerotoxicity Litigation on behalf of British Airways since the Coroner’s investigations in 2017 with which the Litigation began.

Wynne Lawrence, Clyde & Co

Partner

Wynne is a Partner in the Insurance and Reinsurance disputes team in the London office and a founding member of the firm’s cross-disciplinary Climate Change and resilience practice group. Wynne specialises in (re)insurance matters involving multiple parties and jurisdictions. She acts for both cedants and reinsurers on common and uncommon issues arising under facultative and treaty reinsurance. Wynne also has particular experience in disputes related to run-off transactions and insurance linked securities (ILS).

Wynne advises on issues under reinsurances governed by English law, often for Lloyd’s and London market clients. In addition, she provides advice on English or international reinsurance custom and jurisprudence where this is relevant under reinsurances governed by other systems of law. Wynne represents global (re)insurance market clients involved in disputes before the English High Court and Arbitration tribunals (ad hoc, ARIAS, LCIA) and regularly advises on UK (re)insurance regulatory matters (FCA and Lloyd’s) and wordings.

Wynne is a recognised thought leader on climate liability risk and insurance industry response to the challenge of climate change and other emerging planetary boundary risks. She was lead author of the Insurance Development Forum’s report on “Technology and the protection gap” and Clyde & Co’s series of reports on Climate Change Liability Risk and Biodiversity Liability Risk and co-author of the Geneva Association’s flagship report on Climate Litigation.

In her climate change consultancy work, Wynne advises insurers and companies in other industries (shipping, aviation, trade and commodities, natural resources) on climate liability risk exposures, and arranges bespoke seminars and workshops on climate-related liability risks to businesses, directors and officers, including in line with the bank of England’s CBES (Climate Biennial Exploratory Scenario).

Wynne sits on the International Underwriting Association (IUA)'s Climate Change and ESG Committees and is actively involved in the firm's membership of the net Zero Lawyer's Alliance and the Insurance & Reinsurance Legacy Association.

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Anthony Lennox, BCLP LLP

Partner

Anthony is Head of the firm's Reinsurance and Insurance Group and has specialised in insurance and reinsurance for more than 25 years. He has extensive experience in reinsurance and insurance litigation, arbitration, and dispute resolution (including mediation) for a wide variety of UK and international insurers, reinsurers and intermediaries. Anthony has experience of handling disputes at all stages in the Courts and before arbitration panels.

On insurance, Anthony has experience in almost all classes of business including in particular: property, directors and officers' liability, life, PA claims, business travel, medex, financial institutions, product liability, commercial lines and jeweller's block.

On reinsurance, he has a wide range of experience, including PA, major treaty disputes, reinsurance recoveries and run off problems. Anthony has also acted on numerous cases where disputes have arisen between intermediaries (such as brokers or coverholders) and insurers. Many of Anthony's cases have an international element and he receives regular instructions from international insurers and reinsurers.

Polly Miller, Clyde & Co

Senior Associate

Polly is a Senior Associate in Clyde & Co's London Disease Team. She handles a wide range of complex and high-profile disease claims. She regularly advises a variety of insurers, policyholders, Government departments, and brokers on policy coverage issues, indemnity and litigation tactics. Polly coordinated the very significant disclosure exercise in the Aerotoxicity litigation on behalf of British Airways.

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David Pugh, Keoghs

Partner

David has successfully handled cases in the Court of Appeal, House of Lords and Supreme Court. He has advised a wide range of clients including major insurers, the ABI, the NHS and Government Departments. He is the current head of the FOIL Disease Sector Focus team, and has served on the Court of Appeal Users Committee. He was named Defendant Lawyer of the year in 2013 and was shortlisted in 2008.

Notable cases include Rothwell v Chemical Insulations - the pleural plaques decision which saved insurers an estimated £1.4 billion. He acted for the ABI in their Supreme Court intervention in Zurich v IEG and advised major insurers on the successful Supreme Court challenge to the Recovery of Medical Costs for Asbestos Diseases (Wales) Bill. David also advised the ABI and major insurers on the Mesothelioma Act and 2013 Mesothelioma Consultation and has other successful Court of Appeal decisions on stress at work and European Convention issues.

Michael Rawlinson KC, Kings Chambers

Barrister

Michael Rawlinson KC has a broad civil practice centre around:

- Individual claims for catastrophic/fatal injury arising either from the infliction of bodily trauma or exposure to historically ingested toxins; and
- Group actions (both arising from and wholly unrelated to personal injury); and
- The national and international regulatory regimes standing behind carbon reporting for financial institutions: the proper creation of, accounting for, registration and trading of carbon credits.

Michael is a general editor of Sweet & Maxwell's Asbestos: Law and Litigation. In addition, he regularly writes and provides seminars on the theoretical and practical basis of law relating to causation.

Areas of Expertise:

- Traumatic Infliction of Loss;
- Disease arising from toxic or noxious exposure;
- Group Litigation;
- Inquests;
- Military Claims for Personal Injury;
- Aviation and
- Climate and Carbon Regulatory Issues.

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Katie Rose, Keoghs

Solicitor

Joining Keoghs' Coventry office in 2010 as assistant solicitor, Katie's technical ability, understanding of, and aptitude for, strategic litigation meant she was quickly assisting director of disease strategy, David Pugh.

Appointed Associate in 2012, and Partner in 2015, she has not only led a litigated deafness team for a major insurer, but also developed and grew Keoghs' own niche strategic disease department – one of the only such teams in the market. Promoted to Deputy Technical Director of Disease in 2014, Katie was named Young Schiever of the Year at the 2014 Personal Injury Awards.

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Nathalie Smyth, Kennedys Law

Partner

Nathalie is a Partner who joined Kennedys' London office in 2006. She is qualified in England & Wales, New York, N. Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, and has extensive knowledge of procedural law in many civil and common law jurisdictions.

Nathalie has over 20 years of experience in acting for insurers and manufacturers in a wide range of product liability disputes, with a specific focus on mass tort and group litigation orders in the life sciences sector. She has considerable experience defending claims against manufacturers of medical devices in the UK, as well as monitoring and assisting local counsel in relation to product claims arising in various EMEA jurisdictions.

She has extensive experience in the handling of high-profile group actions and, in recent years, has played pivotal roles (at a senior level) in the defence of three large product liability group actions. She embarked on her fourth group action last year.

Nathalie was an integral part of the team which successfully defended a landmark group litigation action brought against medical device manufacturer, DePuy International Limited. The action was brought by more than 300 claimants in relation to DePuy's Pinnacle ULTAMET® Metal-on-Metal Articulation, a total hip replacement prosthesis, which the court found not to be defective under consumer protection legislation [*Gee and others v DePuy International Ltd*].

Nathalie also has significant experience in handling and monitoring international and multi-jurisdictional claims arising on behalf of insurers and manufacturers in various jurisdictions, including products liability claims involving medical, motor, sporting, DIY and a vast range of consumer products. Nathalie also advises on cross-border disputes and jurisdictional challenges.

Nathalie has delivered several training sessions at Kennedys' and client offices. She has also presented at seminars to key industry contacts in the products and life sciences sectors on recent case developments and current market issues.

Nathalie is a member of the Forum of Insurance Lawyers (FOIL) and the New York State Bar Association, and regularly contributes to articles in insurance and legal publications.

She is also Editor of Kennedys' Global Legal Handbook, one of Kennedys' most popular guides, which outlines the main legal and procedural issues that case handlers may encounter when dealing with claims across 53 jurisdictions globally

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