

Rebecca Taylor



YEAR OF CALL: 2003

INN: LINCOLN'S INN

“ She has a good reputation and is very capable.”

CHAMBERS UK, 2022

CONSTRUCTION

Practice Overview

Rebecca is an experienced civil practitioner specialising in construction and personal injury. She is a member of PIBA, ACI Arb, a TECBAR adjudicator and an accredited Civil Mediator.

Rebecca acts for both claimants and defendants in all aspects of personal injury law including employers', occupiers' and public liability, highways, road traffic accidents (including fraud work and credit hire) and product liability.

In relation to construction, Rebecca is an in demand junior with experience of handling a diverse selection of cases in International Arbitration, domestic adjudication and litigation.

Areas of Expertise

Construction & Engineering

Rebecca is a construction lawyer, a TECBAR adjudicator, and accredited Civil Mediator and a panel member at specialist mediation provider M4C.

In Adjudication Rebecca acts as both decision maker and party representative. As Adjudicator Rebecca is on the TECBAR panel (in the "10 years call plus" senior list) and has also been appointed by party agreement.

Rebecca is regularly involved in payment disputes (including so called "smash and grab") but also acts in cases involving all aspects of construction law and disputes – for example, contract interpretation, enforcement of adjudicators' decisions, defects claims, damage to plant, subrogation and JCT insurance provisions and non-fault decennial insurance.

Rebecca's construction practice includes international arbitration and she has recently been engaged in an ICC arbitration concerning the construction of an oil pipeline.

Rebecca delivers presentations and seminars on construction related topics. Topics in 2017 include mediation myth busting for M4C, a Construction Act update (including "smash and grab" and jurisdiction in adjudication) for the Adjudication Society and difficult questions in civil mediation at St John's.

International Arbitration

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Mediation

Mediation can be pretty much anything that the parties want. In essence it is a consensual form of dispute resolution seeking agreed solutions acceptable to all parties without focusing upon legal or moral rights and wrongs. It is quick, cheap, private, flexible, confidential and non judgemental. Whatever precise process is adopted.

Rebecca considers the following to be typical advantages to mediation over the litigation (or arbitration) process:

- ▶ Cost effective: agreement can be reached in hours rather than months or years through litigation or arbitration, and the fee paid to a self employed mediator will often be less than you might think
- ▶ Preservation of relationships: can result from consensual solutions rather than asking a third party to impose decisions
- ▶ Equality: a sensitive mediation can ensure that the parties feel that they are negotiating on an equal footing
- ▶ Confidentiality: can be invaluable
- ▶ The availability of innovative solutions: can allow disputes to be resolved imaginatively or in a manner not open to the Court or Arbitrator

Rebecca is happy to mediate any civil or commercial claim.

Rebecca perceives the following specific benefits of mediation in relation to her practice specialism in personal injury:

"The use of mediation is now growing in this area. Parties to personal injury disputes have been slow adopters of mediation, having traditionally preferred round table / joint settlement meetings as a route to resolving disputes. Parties to multi track disputes are however now receiving case management orders positively requiring them to consider mediation. Where negotiations at a round table / joint settlement meeting have stalled mediation could still assist where a neutral third party, the mediator, may be able to unlock any perceived blockages to settlement. An experienced practitioner may be able to assist parties at any level of dispute to reach a settlement quickly and cost effectively. Mediation may be a way to resolve misunderstandings in cases where "fundamental dishonesty" is suspected, without the costs of proceeding to trial."

Rebecca is happy to be appointed as Mediator on a fixed fee basis. If you think Rebecca could assist in mediating a dispute you are involved in or simply want to know more about mediation please feel free to contact Rebecca or her clerks.

Personal Injury

Rebecca is an experienced personal injury practitioner with a wide experience of cases including employers', occupiers' and public liability, highways, road traffic accidents (including fraud work and credit hire) and product liability.

Rebecca is more commonly instructed for defendants and their insurers. She has a particular interest in cases involving allegations of fraud (including LSI, phantom passengers, staged and semi-staged accident) or fundamental dishonesty. Rebecca is known for her attention to detail which comes from an ability to marshal large volumes of detailed evidence which ultimately allows her to conduct effective, firm cross examination. She regularly deals with such cases at trial but also advises both in conference and writing. She has a practical approach whilst having a keen eye to the commercial realities of litigation.

In addition, Rebecca has a significant advisory and drafting practice dealing with all aspects of liability, causation, quantum and procedure.

Employers' Liability

Rebecca is an experienced personal injury practitioner who regularly advises and appears in relation to employers' liability matters on the fast and multi-track. She is known for her attention to detail, practical approach and friendly manner, whilst being firm in cross examination.

She is regularly instructed to act in cases in which fraud is alleged.

Rebecca regularly attends trials, cost case management conferences, interim applications and assessment of damages hearings.

Rebecca has developed a strong paperwork practice, regularly preparing advices and pleadings in all aspects of personal injury litigation.

Personal Injury Fraud

Rebecca is an experienced personal injury practitioner regularly instructed to act in cases in which fraud is alleged. She is particularly suited to such cases as she is known for her attention to detail which comes from an ability to marshal large volumes of detailed evidence which ultimately allows her to conduct effective, firm cross examination.

In relation to road traffic accidents, her experience includes dealing with cases involving staged and semi accidents, phantom passenger claims, low velocity impacts and exaggerated claims.

Rebecca also has experience of dealing with fraud allegations in employers', occupiers' and public liability cases.

Public Liability

Rebecca is an experienced personal injury practitioner who regularly advises and appears in relation to public liability matters on the fast and multi-track. She is also one of a small number of preferred Counsel for local authorities. She is known for her attention to detail, practical approach and friendly manner, whilst being firm in cross examination.

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Professional Negligence

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Rebecca has experience of acting in matters concerning the negligence of construction professionals including architects and project managers.

Recommendations

"Rebecca is technically very able but also gives practical advice in terms of different approaches and strategies in a dispute. Her commerciality has found favour with clients. She is very measured and organised and you always feel in safe hands with Rebecca."

LEGAL 500, 2021
PROPERTY AND CONSTRUCTION

"She is well regarded."

CHAMBERS UK, 2021
CONSTRUCTION

"In-demand junior who frequently appears in construction adjudications and mediations, and also has experience of international arbitrations. 'Her oral advocacy skills are impressively persuasive.' "

CHAMBERS UK, 2020
CONSTRUCTION

"Particularly recommended for large international disputes."

LEGAL 500, 2020

CONSTRUCTION, PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

Appointments

- ▶ Mediation: Accredited Civil Mediator, panel member at specialist mediation provider M4C
- ▶ Adjudication: TECBAR accredited Adjudicator
- ▶ Arbitration: Associate of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Professional Memberships

- ▶ Personal Injury Bar Association
- ▶ Technology and Construction Bar Association
- ▶ Society of Construction Law
- ▶ Adjudication Society
- ▶ Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Qualifications & awards:

- ▶ Barrister
- ▶ Accredited Adjudicator
- ▶ Accredited Civil Mediator

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