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Background

Anna graduated from Queen's University with LLB (Hons) and was admitted as a Solicitor in England & Wales in 2013, and Northern Ireland in 2015. Anna trained in private practice in the North East of England, concentrating on civil and criminal litigation.

Upon qualification, Anna joined Geldards LLP where she specialised in Healthcare. Whilst at Geldards LLP, Anna ran a caseload investigating claims on behalf of children, adults and families arising from death and/or serious injury. Anna developed a particular interest and experience in birth injuries, missed/delayed cancer diagnosis and orthopaedic management.

Anna joined Carson McDowell's Healthcare Team in 2015 as an Assistant Solicitor.

Experience

Anna has gained experience managing a range of complex cases including:

- Delayed diagnosis and treatment of cancer (gynaecological/breast/lung/liver);
- Avoidable hospital falls resulting in death and/or serious neurological injury;
- Surgical errors, including so-called 'Never events';
- Delayed diagnosis of glaucoma;
- Prescription errors;
- Claims arising from cosmetic surgery;
- Delayed diagnosis and treatment of testicular torsion; and
- Mismanagement of orthopaedic injury resulting in amputation.

Anna assisted senior colleagues in relation to High Value claims including:

- Avoidable maternal and neonatal birth injuries; and
- Cauda Equina Syndrome.

Anna also has experience in product liability claims including DePuy, ASR and PIP implants.

Anna assists Roger McMillan, Head of Healthcare, and Jacqueline McAleese, Partner, defend high value clinical negligence claims on behalf of Medical Defence Organisations and their Members, and Underwriters.