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Areas of Law: Healthcare

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Background

Deborah Boyd graduated from Newcastle University in 2006 with L.L.B (Hons), and was admitted as a Solicitor in England & Wales in 2010 and Northern Ireland in 2011.

Deborah trained at Manchester firm JMW, where she specialised in Clinical Negligence Litigation. Whilst at JMW, Deborah ran a varied caseload, representing patients in Orthopaedic, Oncological, and high value Obstetric and Neurological claims.

Deborah joined Carson McDowell's Healthcare Team in August 2011 and continues to specialise in Healthcare law. Deborah acts on behalf of Medical Defence Organisations and Insurers, representing the interests of medical practitioners in Clinical Negligence claims. Deborah works closely with Partner, Roger McMillan.

The Healthcare Team at Carson McDowell is widely recognised as a leader in Chambers and Partners and the Legal 500.

Experience

Deborah's breadth of experience includes:

Clinical Negligence claims (Defence)

- Defending Clinical Negligence claims on behalf of General Practitioners and medical practitioners in private practice on the instructions of their Medical Defence Organisations;
- Providing risk management advice to GP Surgeries, including complaints handling and Ombudsman investigations;
- Defending claims including delayed/misdiagnosis of various conditions, including cancer; birth injuries; alleged sub-standard care pertaining to general, orthopaedic, obstetric and gynaecological surgery; alleged sub-standard care pertaining to cosmetic surgery; and consent issues.

Clinical Negligence Claims (Plaintiff)

Deborah has gained experience in managing a range of cases including:

- Missed diagnosis of orthopaedic injuries, including scaphoid, patellar and metatarsal fractures and slipped upper femoral epiphysis claims;
- Ophthalmic claims relating to mismanagement of diabetic retinopathy;
- Claims relating to surgical errors;
- Claims relating to delay in diagnosis of cancer and subarachnoid haemorrhage;
- Claims relating to a delay in diagnosis of neurological injuries, including Bell's Palsy and Cauda Equina Syndrome;
- Wrongful birth claims; and
- Cerebral Palsy and Erb's Palsy birth injury claims.

Deborah also has experience in dealing with Court of Protection matters.

Seminars

- Providing seminars to medical practitioners regarding good note keeping and Inquests.