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## Background

Laura Menary graduated from the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne in 2004 with an LLB Honours degree and obtained her professional qualifications in 2006 from the Institute of Professional Legal Studies, Queen's University, Belfast.

Laura trained as an Apprentice Solicitor with Carson McDowell, joining the firm in 2004 and qualifying into the Litigation Department in 2006. Post qualification, Laura joined the Healthcare Team at Carson McDowell, where she specialises in Defence Litigation within the Healthcare sector.

Laura provides liability and quantum advice to Medical Defence Organisations, advises on risk management and liaises with Patient's Solicitors, Healthcare Trusts, the Coroner's Service and Regulatory Bodies.

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

## Experience

Laura's breadth of experience includes:

### Clinical Negligence claims

- 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, to include complaints handling and patient confidentiality. Laura's work in this area has been undertaken both pre-litigation and in High/County Court proceedings;
- 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.

### **Personal Injury**

- Defending Personal Injury claims on behalf of General Practitioners and medical practitioners in private practice on the instructions of their Medical Defence Organisations;
- Defending claims arising from conduct during medico-legal consultations and assault/trespass to the person.

### **Dental claims**

- Defending claims on behalf of General Dental Practitioners on the instructions of their Medical Defence Organisations;
- Representing a Dental Practitioner following alleged negligent provision of bridge and crown work.

### **Inquests**

- Representing medical practitioners at Inquest Hearings and assisting clinicians in preparation of Statements for the Coroner's Court;
- Representing a clinician following the death of a baby at birth.

### **Data Protection**

- Defending claims brought pursuant to the Data Protection Act;
- Representing general practitioners following inappropriate access to medical records.

### **Human Rights**

- Defending claims brought pursuant to the Human Rights Act;
- Defending general practitioners following alleged misuse of private information and breach of Article 6 of the ECHR.

### **Seminars**

- Providing seminars to medical defence organisations and medical practitioners.