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**Associate**



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Enya attained a degree in Law (LLB Honours) from Queens University Belfast in 2010. Enya worked as a paralegal in general practice before commencing her apprenticeship with a firm which specialises in all types of personal injury litigation, gaining experience in both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. Enya was admitted to the Roll of Solicitors in NI in 2013.

After qualifying, Enya worked in the General Litigation/Medical Negligence Department of the Directorate of Legal Services, Belfast, where she acted for the Health and Social Care Trusts and Health Board in relation to the defence of clinical negligence, employer's liability and occupier's liability claims.

Enya joined Carson McDowell in June 2015 and acts on behalf of various insurers and large companies (insured and self-insured) in relation to the defence of a wide range of employer's liability, public liability and motor related claims, including but not limited to, slipping/tripping claims, manual handling claims, industrial disease claims and road traffic accident claims in both the County Court and High Court. Enya also acts on behalf of a number of Medical Defence Organisations representing the interests of medical practitioners in the defence of Clinical Negligence claims.

Enya works closely with partner Claire Harmer.

**Experience:**

Enya's breadth of experience includes:

**Employers Liability/Occupiers Liability (Defence)**

- Acting on behalf of large companies and insurers in relation to the defence of a variety of EL and PL claims including slips and trips, industrial disease, manual handling, equipment failure/product liability.

- Advising on all aspects of employers liability and public liability claims including liability, quantum, assessing discovery, conducting interviews/taking statements, instructing experts (medical and non-medical) negotiating and providing costs advice.
- Represented and successfully defended a number of EL/PL claims brought against the Health and Social Care Trusts in NI including slips and trips, patient assaults, manual handling and needle stick injury claims.
- Represented a Defendant Trust in the first needle stick injury appeal case in Northern Ireland. This case was successfully defended in the High Court.
- Successfully contested a number of slipping claims on behalf of local nightclubs.
- Successfully contested a number of public liability claims on behalf of a large NI utility company.

#### **Road Traffic Accident/Motor Related Claims**

- Acting on behalf of local/international insurers and large companies (insured and self-insured) in relation to motor related claims (damage only and personal injury) at both County Court and High Court level.

#### **Clinical Negligence (Defence)**

- Defending a wide range Clinical Negligence claims on behalf of General Practitioners and Medical Practitioners in private practice on the instructions of their Medical Defence Organisations.
- Defending claims including birth injuries, delayed/misdiagnosis of various conditions/injuries and alleged sub-standard care pertaining to general, orthopaedic, obstetric and gynaecological procedures.
- Assisted in the defence of complex, high value claims including a number of cerebral palsy claims on behalf of the Health and Social Care Trusts in NI.

#### **Other Experience**

- Represented the Health Trusts at Mental Health Review Tribunals and Inquest Hearings.
- In 2018 delivered the Lawyers in Schools programme (in partnership with Young Citizens) to secondary school children in NI.
- Completed a three month secondment within the Insurance/Litigation Department of a large NI utility company gaining invaluable experience in all aspects of defence litigation and insurance related matters.
- Providing seminars to F2 Doctors in relation to the claims process in Northern Ireland, the importance of good note keeping and inquests.
- Providing training and delivering workshop programmes to Law Students from local Universities and trainee Solicitors.

Enya is also an active member of the Forum of Insurance Lawyers (FOIL).