

# Tanfield Chambers

## Kerstin Boyd

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## Areas of Practice

Family  
Personal Injury  
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## Career

1979 Called to the Bar

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## Profile

Kerstin has two broad areas of practice, namely family and personal injury, where she also has experience in clinical negligence.

She has a specialist Personal Injury practice – and is listed in the Legal 500 as a leading junior as well as heading up the Tanfield Personal Injury practice group. She undertakes work on behalf of both Claimant and Defendant.

She is regularly instructed on behalf of the London Fire Brigade in claims arising out of the workplace, and also undertakes defence work for Local Authorities dealing with accidents involving highways and schools.

She also acts on behalf of claimants in clinical negligence claims.

Kerstin also has a strong reputation in family work with emphasis on matrimonial finance.

## Experience

### Personal Injury

- Has represented the London Fire Brigade at several Inquests, and dealt with resulting claims under the Fatal Accidents Act 1976
- Has extensive practice in employers liability claims, asbestos related claims, occupational stress/harassment and road traffic/highway claims
- Typically deals with high value claims
- Extensive experience in serious brain injury cases

### Clinical Negligence

Cases have included failure to diagnose haemochromatosis, mismanaged births, ruptured cervix, failure to supervise psychiatric in-patient, lack of informed consent, cosmetic surgery and spinal injuries.

### Family

- Has extensive experience in high value matrimonial finance involving businesses and cases requiring detailed analysis of finances
- Regularly deals with cases involving more limited assets where the search for resolution is often more challenging.
- Trusts of land/cohabitee property disputes
- Schedule 1 Children Act cases

## Significant Cases

### Personal Injury:

**Jonathan Edward Woolley v Essex County Council** [2006] EWCA Civ 753 CA

**Anthony Eaton (Administrator of the Estate of Michael Eaton, deceased) v James Latham PLC** [2004] EWHC 214 QB

**London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority v (1) Meritor Light Vehicle Systems (UK) Ltd (2) Renault Trucks UK Ltd (3) Carltonloco Ltd QBD (TCC)** [2003] LTL 12/9/03

**Cullin v LFCDA; Sheehan v LFCDA CA** [1999] PIQR P 314

**Crown River Cruises Ltd v (1) Kimbolton Fireworks, (2) LFCDA** [1996] 2 Lloyds Rep 533

**Brian Eric West v Versil Ltd & Others CA [1996] LTL 3.7.96**

**Smoker v LFCDA HL [1991] 2 ER 449**

### **Family:**

**L (A child) EWCA Civ 196**

**Foster v Foster [2003] EWCA Civ 565**

**B v H [2002] LTL 25.3.03**

**H v H Fam Law [2002]**

**H v P [1993] Fam Law 515**

## **Memberships**

Member, Personal Injury Bar Association

Member, Family Law Bar Association

## **Qualifications**

BA (Cantab) (Girton College, Cambridge)

## **Directory Quotes**

Kerstin is listed as a leading junior in Personal Injury in the **Legal 500 2008 to date**.

Kerstin is listed as a leading junior in Clinical Negligence and Healthcare in the **Legal 500 2009 and 2010**.

Kerstin is listed as an expert in Personal Injury in **Legal Experts 2008, 2009 and 2010**.