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Overview

Victoria Webb has a busy personal injury and inquest practice with a wide client base. She has a broad breadth of experience at the bar, having practised for many years in employment law, regulatory law and inquiry work, as well as her current areas. She has a particular interest in cases which intersect across areas, such as personal injury claims with a public law element.

Before being called to the Bar Victoria worked for human rights organisations with a focus on Russia; she carried out research, including interviewing those affected by violations, media work, and lobbying at intergovernmental organisations.

Professional Memberships

- Professional Negligence Bar Association
- Personal Injuries Bar Association
- The Medico-Legal Society

Appointments

- Assistant Coroner for South London (2023)

Public law and inquests

Victoria regularly represents bereaved families and other interested persons at inquests, including jury and Article 2 inquests. She has acted in inquests into work-related accidents, industrial disease, road traffic accidents, prison deaths (including suspected suicides), deaths where there are healthcare-related concerns, and suspected suicides in the community.

Recent Inquest experience includes:

- Representing a clinical oncologist in multiple inquests into deaths of patients of Ian Paterson, former breast surgeon;
- Representing a cardiothoracic surgeon at an inquest into the death of a patient who died from complications following coronary artery bypass surgery;
- Representing a GP doctor at an inquest into the death of a patient with a complex mental health background who died from suicide at home;
- Representing the Ministry of Defence in a long-running inquest into the suspected suicide of an army veteran. The Coroner conducted a wide-ranging examination of Ministry of Defence systems and practices for preventing and treating mental health issues arising from combat-related trauma, transition to civilian life and healthcare, aftercare and financial packages for veterans medically discharged from the armed forces, and the availability and quality of NHS mental health care for veterans;
- Representing the family of a university student who committed suicide just prior to undertaking a set of exams. The Coroner examined the actions of the university and NHS mental health teams and the communication between the two and noted missed opportunities to intervene.

Victoria was instructed over a five-year period as one of the junior counsel for the Home Office on the Undercover Policing Inquiry, in the public inquiry into the conduct of undercover police officers, chaired by Sir John Mitting KC.

Expertise

- Administrative & Public Law
- Personal Injury

Recommendations

"Victoria is collaborative, detailed and has been amazing to work with." Chambers & Partners 2026

"Victoria gives practical, clear advice and fights hard in court." Legal 500 2026

"She is very empathetic with clients and combines that with real academic rigour - she has both skills in balance." Chambers & Partners 2025

"Good manner with clients. Excellent drafting skills in relation to pleadings. Thorough preparation for meeting with experts and clients. Concise and clear advice." Legal 500 2025

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Personal Injury

Victoria's busy personal injury practice comprises drafting, advisory and advocacy for claimants and defendants in fast and multi-track trials and other hearings. She has solid experience in employer's liability, public liability, defective premises and RTA matters, and cases raising issues of exaggeration or fundamental dishonesty. She is experienced in higher value multi-track claims, including those involving chronic pain and fatal accidents, and those involving psychiatric injury. She also has experience of claims concerning non-recent sexual grooming and abuse of minors (acting for both Claimants and Defendants).

Victoria has regularly appeared at the Criminal Injuries Compensation Appeal tribunal, on both eligibility and quantum appeals, and represented the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority (CICA) at the Court of Appeal on a case involving analysis of Human Rights Act 1998 damages.

Recent and notable cases include:

- *Dr Suresh and ors v General Medical Council [2025] EWHC 804 (KB)*: concerning whether the GMC owes a duty of care to those it regulates in respect of the manner of its notification of the commencement of a professional misconduct investigation;
- *R (on the application of AXO) v First-tier Tribunal (Social Entitlement Chamber) [2024] KB 956*: represented CICA (Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority), the interested party, in this significant case concerning the recoupment of CICA awards when Human Rights Act damages awards have been made to family members bereaved as a result of a violent crime. The Court of Appeal set out guidance concerning the nature of damages for breaches of rights under the European Convention on Human Rights, and how to determine whether there is double recovery between CICA awards and Convention rights. Victoria led [Turan Hursit](#) in the Court of Appeal hearing and was sole counsel in the Upper Tribunal;
- *Stephenson v First-tier Tribunal and Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority [2024] UKUT 84 (AAC)*: represented the CICA, the interested party, in case concerning meaning of the phrase "other resultant losses" within the meaning of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme 2001;
- *TH v First-tier Tribunal [2022] UKUT 87 (AAC)*: represented CICA, the interested party, in relation to whether working tax credit is a social security benefit within the meaning of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme 2008;
- *V v A former employer*: Claimant with pre-existing health conditions claimed she was rendered housebound by the lack of a suitable ergonomic chair at work, and claimed a substantial 7-figure sum. Victoria (later led by James Hurd) represented the former employer at interim hearings, and advised and drafted court documents (the case settled);
- *A v An insurance company*: represented at a 7-day trial a Claimant suffering from a chronic pain condition, namely fibromyalgia, claiming over £200,000 in compensation following a road traffic accident. The central issues at trial were medical causation, and the extent of her disability and whether her claim was exaggerated (surveillance evidence was produced by the Defendant);
- *Murray v Devenish [2018] EWHC 1895 QB*: nine-day High Court trial of sexual abuse allegations from the 1970s (led by Mary O'Rourke KC), which involved an interlocutory appeal concerning substitution of medical expert (*Murray v Devenish [2017] EWCA Civ 1016*);
- *Stoute v LTA [2015] 1 WLR 79*: represented the Claimant at the Court of Appeal, unled, in this appeal concerning the erroneous service of a claim form by the court.

Victoria accepts instructions on a conditional fee basis.

She is a member of the Personal Injuries Bar Association and of the Professional Negligence Bar Association.

Notable Cases

- *R (on the application of AXO) v First-tier Tribunal (Social Entitlement Chamber) and Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority [2024] EWCA Civ 226, [2024] KB 956*: represented the CICA, the interested party, in this significant case concerning recoupment of CICA awards where Human Rights Act damages awards had been paid to family members who had been bereaved as a result of a violent crime. The Court of Appeal set out guidance concerning the nature of damages for breaches of rights under the European Convention, and how to determine whether there is double recovery between CICA awards and Convention rights;
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 - *Q v Secretary of State for Justice [2020] All ER (D) 83 (Jan)*: represented the Respondent to an appeal before the Employment Appeal Tribunal which raised Article 8 privacy rights arguments in the context of unfair dismissal;
 - *Murray v Devenish [2018] EWHC 1895 QB*: nine-day High Court trial of sexual abuse allegations from the 1970s (led by Mary O'Rourke KC);
 - *Murray v Devenish [2017] EWCA Civ 1016*: appeal against case management decision to refuse substitution of medical expert;
 - *British Gas Trading Limited v Lock and another, [2016] 2 ICR 503*. Represented Mr Lock as junior counsel in this Employment Appeal Tribunal holiday pay case concerning the treatment of “*results-based commission*” in the calculation of holiday pay;
 - *Stoute v. LTA Operations Ltd t/a Lawn Tennis Association, [2015] 1 WLR 79*. Successfully represented Claimant as sole counsel at Court of Appeal in interlocutory matter concerning whether service of a claim form had been valid in circumstances where the County Court had served a claim form despite a request for solicitor service.

Professional Recommendations



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Chambers & Partners 2024