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Bridget leads the insurance injury team in Birmingham and is the firm's co-chair of the D&I Committee and executive sponsor for Race. Highly regarded in the insurance market, Bridget supports health, local government, and commercial clients defend and find effective solutions to catastrophic and complex injury claims, including elder abuse, brain injury, asbestos-related diseases, and fatal accidents. Bridget's advisory work connects clients to our regulatory and commercial practices.

Bridget is at the forefront of the firm's D&I journey, working with the Social Mobility Foundation and other charities who are dealing with the impact of socio-economic inequalities, mental health, and racial bias. As executive sponsor for Race Bridget has championed our Black Mentoring Scheme, which supports aspiring Black lawyers gain access to mentoring, paid work experience and ongoing support.

Bridget acts for insurers, residential and domiciliary care providers, large corporates, and local authorities and sits on the National Executive Committee for the Forum of Insurance Lawyers. Bridget is regularly invited to speak at sector events on issues relating to risk and insurance.

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## Expertise

Employment

Public law

Social care services

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## Featured experience

**Complex HAVS claim**

Advising on a complex HAVS claim spanning multi employers and insurers, where the issue of foreseeability of risk was successfully defended at trial with recovery of all defence costs.

## Disease case

Advising on a disease case, redirecting the claim to the third party Occupational Health providers on the grounds of breach of contract, ensuring a small contribution for her client and recovery of the defence costs incurred.

## Range of stress and bullying claims

Advising on a range of stress and bullying claims - examples of these claims range in value from a £15,000 bullying claim in employment, to a £500,000 stress at work claim combined with bullying on return to work - as pursued by a midwife keen on publicity.

## Catastrophic personal injury

Catastrophic personal injury - partial amputation of the foot with consequent accepted job restrictions. Claimant sought damages in excess of £450,000 and had no intention to return to any form of employment despite rehabilitation. Surveillance evidence secured which established that, whilst the claimant clearly had an altered gait, he had adapted so that he could walk briskly and for considerable distances without any apparent discomfort. Claim settled at £50,000.

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## Testimonials

*"Bridget is astute and can identify the strengths and weaknesses in complex cases quickly and efficiently. Bridget is an outstanding and tactical practitioner who is able to position her clients like a Chessmaster to achieve great results time after time. She is head and shoulders above a very good rest at the firm."*

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*"A team with great judgment and impressive client skills even in the face of difficult and, on one occasion, fraudulent clients. Bridget Tatham ... very impressive lawyers great judgment and tactical awareness, clear sighted, calm, firm and personable."*

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