

Ceri Widdett

Qualification(s): BA (Hons)

Year of Call: 1994

Inn: Grays

Ceri Widdett specialises in Local Authority liability and occupational stress at work claims.

She has been regularly instructed by Leeds City Council for a number of years and has successfully appeared in numerous legally complex Highways Act cases at both County Court and High Court level.

She further undertakes all aspects of personal injury work including:

- Highways Act 1980 claims
- Occupational stress at work
- RTAs
- Assaults
- Civil actions against the police
- Defective premises
- Occupiers' liability
- Schools
- Residential homes
- Nervous shock
- Accidents at work

Cases of Importance:

- Campbell v Leeds United AFC [2009] EW Misc 4 (EWCC) 3 April 2009. Represented the Claimant in the High Court in a claim for occupational stress at work after Leeds United went into liquidation before the remedy hearing of the Claimant's race and sex discrimination claim in the Employment Tribunal. Claimant relied upon same facts and matters as those found by the Tribunal. Defendant sought to strike out the claim alleging estoppel. Claimant successfully argued that the Defendant was issue estopped from challenging the findings of the Tribunal. This is the first time that estoppel had been successfully argued in the Claimant's favour in an occupational stress at work claim.
- Healey v Leeds City Council (2006). Successfully represented the Defendant at first instance and appeal. The Claimant alleged that the Council's system of inspection was inadequate in terms of the frequency and type of inspection. National Code of Practice for Highway Management considered.
- Brian Potter v Leeds City Council (LTL 5/10/2007). Highways Act claim.
- Fazal Begum v Leeds City Council (LTL 3/10/2007). Highways Act claim.

Publications

- "Justifying Treatment and Other Stories" – Tameside and Glossop Acute Services NHS Trust v CM (A Patient), Feminist Legal Studies, Vol V, No 1, 1997.

Recent Seminars

- Stress at Work Claims and Issue Estoppel (May 2009)
- Stress & Disability at Work - The Employment Law Perspective (September 2008)

Training

- Highways Act 1980 training to local authorities.
- Previously taught law at Leicester and Keele Universities.