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Main Areas of Practice

Defamation

Privacy and breach of confidence

Internet libel/harassment

Human rights and the media

Reporting restrictions and contempt

Media related harassment and trespass

Pre-publication advice

Lorna has extensive litigation experience acting for both claimants and defendants in libel and privacy claims, developing a particular speciality in cases involving the internet and harassment. The current editions of the directories describe her as *"someone whose judgement is spot on"*, an *"extremely good advocate, who is good both on paper and on her feet"* (Chambers & Partners 2012) and *"thorough, hardworking, dedicated, highly intelligent and very pleasant to work with"* (Legal 500 2011).

Recent cases:

Vaidya v. GMC and others [2010] EWHC 984 Acted for defendant NHS Trust and various doctors on successful application to strike out libel, malicious falsehood and negligent misstatement claims.

Miller v. Associated Newspapers Limited [2010] EWHC 700 Led by Hugh Tomlinson QC, acting for claimant in defamation claim brought over an article published in The Daily Mail.

Imerman v. Imerman [2010] EWHC 64; [2009] EWHC 3486 Acted for respondent/applicant in application for delivery up and prohibitory injunctions in the family division. Awaiting Court of Appeal judgment on applicant's appeal.

Tchenguiz & Ors v Imerman & Ors [2010] EWCA Civ 908; [2009] EWHC 2024; [2009] EWHC 2902 Led by Antony White QC acted for claimant in successful summary judgment application for delivery up and prohibitory injunctions in ongoing breach of confidence/misuse of private information proceedings.

Stelios Haji-Ioannou v. Mark Dixon [2009] EWHC 178 Acted for defendants on successful application for trial by judge alone in defamation proceedings brought over words spoken and published to an FT journalist. The case settled shortly before trial.

Ashley Cole v MGN Ltd and News Group Newspapers Ltd (2009) Led by Hugh Tomlinson QC, acted for claimant in privacy claim brought in respect of articles published in The Mirror and The Sun. Case settled.

Applause Store Productions Ltd v. Raphael [2008] EWHC 1781 Trial of the first libel and privacy case relating to a Facebook user in the UK. Acted for the successful claimants.

David Francis v. Peter Evans (2008) Acted for defendant to a slander claim which was discontinued on the day before trial following a successful application to strike out/exclude some of the claimant's evidence.

Gentoo Group Ltd v. Hanratty [2008] EWHC 627 Led by Hugh Tomlinson for the claimant on a successful application to disapply the limitation period in an internet libel case.

Drury v. Carnegie [2007] EWCA Civ 497; [2007] EMLR 24 Acted for the defendant a case relating to the construction and application of CPR 7.6(3) (extensions of time for service of claim form).