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Meredith has a broad practice across Chambers' core areas including personal injury, clinical negligence, inquests, property damage, professional negligence and general commercial litigation.

She has a busy court practice, appearing in a variety of hearings and applications every week. Throughout the Coronavirus pandemic, she has conducted numerous remote hearings and applications.

She is also instructed in *The Ingenious Litigation*, led by Ben Quiney QC and Carlo Taczalski, a multi-million pound claim concerning allegedly negligent tax planning advice.

Meredith read law at the University of York, graduating first in her year and being the first person to be awarded First Class Honours (with distinction) in Law. While undertaking her LLM she was a tutor at the University of York in both tort and contract.

Prior to joining the Bar, she spent a year as the judicial assistant to Lord Justice Simon in the Court of Appeal where she predominantly worked on large commercial cases, but also gained experience across a broad range of practice areas. Meredith also worked at the Infected Blood Inquiry where her expertise was required in taking witness evidence from infected and affected individuals and in compiling reports evaluating information from thousands of pages of disclosed documents.

## Health & Safety

With respect to health and safety work, Meredith has experience of cases involving accidents in the workplace and incidents involving members of the public. During pupillage Meredith spent 3 months being supervised by Mike Atkins and gained experience of a wide range of health and safety work. She also assisted in drafting a range of documents including a basis of plea, mitigation note and numerous opinions.



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## Inquests & Public Inquiries

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Meredith has experience in a range of inquests following supervision by Mike Atkins for 3 months of her pupillage.

Before joining chambers Meredith was part of the legal team at the Infected Blood Inquiry – the largest public inquiry in UK history. She worked on the appeal of a Coroner’s decision while a judicial assistant in the Court of Appeal.

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## Personal Injury

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Meredith’s practice focuses on road traffic, employer’s liability and public liability claims.

She has extensive experience of remote hearings via both video and audio-only court hearings and the necessary skills required to adapt her approach to advocacy in these circumstances.

As well as conducting her own cases, Meredith gained experience of personal injury cases as a result of being supervised by Alexander Macpherson for 6 months of her pupillage. She also assisted a number of other members of chambers during the course of her pupillage, including drafting numerous schedules and counter-schedules.

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## Product Liability

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Meredith gained experience of product liability cases as a result of being supervised by Richard Sage for 3 months of her pupillage.

She also assisted James Medd on a case involving property damage caused by allegedly defective computer equipment.

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## Commercial

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Meredith accepts instructions on a broad range of contract disputes. Before joining chambers Meredith gained experience of a range of Commercial Law disputes whilst working as the Judicial Assistant to Lord Justice Simon in the Court of Appeal.

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## Construction

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Meredith has experience of assisting on a number of construction disputes during pupillage, including:

- A case involving water damage to a residential property during construction as a result of inadequate weather proofing;



- A case involving the extent to which the design specifications of a construction project ought to be implied from the known use to which the site would be put; and
- A mediation involving delays in the renovation of a multi-million pound home.

## Insurance & Reinsurance

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Meredith gained experience across a range of insurance and re-insurance matters, including a case involving the question of when the Insured's behaviour was so reckless as to provide a sufficient ground to avoid cover, during her pupillage.

Before starting her pupillage Meredith gained experience of insurance and re-insurance disputes whilst working as a Judicial Assistant to Lord Justice Simon in the Court of Appeal, notably *Spire Healthcare Ltd v Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance Plc* [2018] EWCA Civ 317.

## Civil/Insurance Fraud

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Meredith has experience of handling both cases and hearings in which fundamental dishonesty is in issue in a wide range of situations. This includes advising on the best way to bring fundamental dishonesty into issue in cases where dishonesty markers are only identified shortly before trial, for example, as a result of the disclosure of medical records or witness evidence. Meredith also has experience of drafting Part 35 questions in cases where fundamental dishonesty is in issue, handling applications by Claimants to adduce additional evidence shortly before trial to rebut allegations of fundamental dishonesty, and handling cases involving injuries which cannot be objectively proven (such as whiplash and tinnitus).

## Criminal Regulatory & Environmental

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Meredith's Criminal Regulatory practice encompasses both health and safety, environmental and driving offence work. She is regularly instructed in respect of both corporate and individual defendants and has experience of first appearances, advising on plea and conducting sentencing hearings.

With respect to Health and Safety work, Meredith has experience of cases involving accidents in the workplace and incidents involving members of the public. During pupillage Meredith spent 3 months being supervised by Mike Atkins and gained experience of a wide range of health and safety work. She also assisted in drafting a range of documents including a basis of plea, mitigation note and numerous opinions.

Meredith has experience of cases involving the Water Industry Act 1991, including offences related to the taking of water without the consent of the undertaker and cases where an unauthorised connection is made to a fire hydrant.

Meredith's motor offences work includes cases involving both careless and dangerous driving. She also has



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experience of cases involving s.170 of the Road Traffic Act and the difficulties caused when drivers attempt to report in ways which are not strictly compliant with s.170. Meredith's driving offences practice is complimented by her extensive personal injury practice and experience of handling witnesses who have experienced traumatic accidents.

## Qualifications

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- BPTC, BPP Law School (2017)
- LLM, Distinction (1<sup>st</sup> in year), University of York (2015)
- LLB Law, First Class Honours with Distinction (1<sup>st</sup> in year), University of York (2011-2014)