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PARTNER

*"No nonsense lawyer who takes no prisoners. She has extensive experience of complex brain injury cases"*

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Kim Smerdon leads Boyes Turner's highly regarded personal injury team. A specialist in catastrophic injury cases, Kim acts for clients with acquired brain damage, spinal injuries and serious orthopaedic injuries.

Brain injury cases are complex and require specialist knowledge and expertise. Kim's experience of using the claims process to help seriously brain-injured children and adults regain their independence after the aftermath of an accident has led her to recognise the critical importance of timely rehabilitation for optimum recovery. Where liability is established, Kim and her team secure early interim payments to pay for specialist equipment, therapies and care, and purchase or adapt suitable accommodation with the emphasis on getting the client's rehabilitation underway as soon as possible. Kim guides each client through the complexities of the claim with sensitivity and understanding whilst working hard to achieve the highest settlements, alongside the greatest possible recovery.

Kim has extensive experience of all types of personal injury cases and has acted for clients who have been injured in road traffic accidents, in the workplace, as a result of defective products and criminal injuries. As head of Boyes Turner's successful industrial disease team, Kim also handles claims for sufferers of mesothelioma, asbestosis, pleural thickening and asbestos-related lung cancer.

Kim is often called upon to share her expertise in personal injury claims at seminars and lectures and by the media, including giving television and radio interviews following the Paddington and Ufton Nervet rail crashes and in relation to the group action for claimants who suffered chemical burns from the manufacture of leather sofas.

*"A force to be reckoned with', Kim Smerdon leads the 'very professional group'. "* THE LEGAL 500

A keen charity fundraiser, Kim recently completed the 3 Peaks Challenge, climbing Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon in 24 hours to raise over £35,000 for The Debbie Fund, a charity set up to raise funds for research into cervical cancer.

Kim is a member of the Law Society's Personal Injury Panel and an accredited senior litigator and brain injury specialist with the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL). She is an associate member of the Child Brain Injury Trust, and a member of the Brain Injury Social Work Group, Headway and Spinal Injuries Panel Solicitors. She is a Headway Life Member, a trustee of Headway Thames Valley and a former trustee of Cycle Smart, a charity committed to saving young people's lives by promoting safer cycling and benefits of using a cycle helmet.