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Cheryl completed a work experience placement in what was the International Travel Litigation Group in our Birmingham office in 2007, and was offered a training contract that Summer. After completing her LPC she worked as a paralegal in the Industrial Disease team in 2008/9 before starting her training contract in 2009. Cheryl qualified into the International Serious Injury Team in 2011 and moved to set up a new International Personal Injury team in Irwin Mitchell's Manchester office in 2017.

Cheryl's team acts exclusively for Claimants who have been injured in incidents abroad – while on holiday, working abroad, travelling by coach, car or sea, or undergoing surgery abroad. Cheryl deals with high value claims including brain and spinal injuries, multiple fractures, psychological trauma and fatal accidents and clinical negligence cases. Her work includes large group litigation. Cheryl acted for the Claimant in the well publicised *Hutchinson v MAPFRE* matter, a high Court case where the Defendant insurer's challenge to jurisdiction was defeated.

Cheryl has a passion for cross border litigation regularly presents on international law. She is an active member of APIL and the Pan European Organisation for Personal Injury Lawyers (PEOPIL). She is Revitalisation Officer on PEOPIL's Executive Board and co-chairs their Young Lawyers' Group. She is also a Board of Governors representative and member of the American Association for Justice (AAJ). She has appeared on BBC and ITV news as well as on the radio to discuss her clients' cases, regularly features in press releases, and publishes journal articles on cross-border cases.

Cheryl is fluent in French and enjoys visiting France and Spain. In her spare time Cheryl can usually be found in the gym, following the F1, baking, directing photos and boomerangs for social media posts, or spending time with her family.

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