



Emma-Jane Hobbs

Year of Call: 1996

Practice Areas

- Civil Fraud
- Clinical Negligence
- Credit Hire
- Inquests
- Personal Injury

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Experience

Emma-Jane is an experienced common law practitioner with a particular interest in personal injury and insurance litigation. She is instructed regularly by both Claimants and Defendants in high value, catastrophic injury claims, and clinical negligence and fatal accident claims, the latter often involving complex dependency claims. Emma-Jane has a marked specialisation in, and many years' experience of defending fraudulent claims.

She acts regularly for large insurance companies and has significant experience of drafting, advising and representing Defendants in cases involving fraud rings; staged and fabricated accidents; exaggerated or fundamentally dishonest claims; and bogus credit hire claims. In cases where fraud is suspected or alleged, she regularly advises insurers in relation to pre-trial tactics, including making applications to strike-out claims as an abuse of process, a topic which she spoke about at the TGC Fraud Seminars in May 2015. She also has experience of recovery and enforcement actions, declaration proceedings (pursuant to s152 of the Road Traffic Act 1988), and insurers' claims for exemplary damages against fraudulent Claimants.

Emma-Jane has significant experience of dealing with general costs issues and, specifically, those arising from fraudulent and exaggerated claims.

A significant part of Emma-Jane's practice involves participation in joint settlement meetings, where her sensible, straightforward and robust negotiating skills ensure that her clients obtain a favourable outcome.

She also has considerable experience of inquests and has represented parties in fatal accident cases from the inquest through to trial or settlement. She has some past experience of public inquiries, having been instructed as junior counsel by the HSE in the Ladbroke Grove Rail inquiry.

Directories

Emma-Jane is described as "client friendly", "committed to cases", and "has a good feel for liability prospects and quantum".

Recommended by the Legal 500 for personal injury work.

Education

BA (Hons) English Literature (Bristol University)
CPE Postgraduate Diploma in Law (University of Westminster)
Bar Vocational Course, Inns of Court School of Law

Memberships

Personal Injury Bar Association
Administrative Law Bar Association

Cases

Ladbroke Grove Rail Inquiry

1999-2000

Barristers involved: David Barr QC Emma-Jane Hobbs

Statutory public inquiry into rail disaster at Ladbroke Grove. Hugh Carlisle QC acted for the Health and Safety Executive leading David Barr and Emma-Jane Hobbs