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Lucy Plumpton enjoys a busy practice of civil and public law. She has expertise in personal injury, commercial law and public inquiries.

Lucy is currently instructed as Counsel to the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis in the Undercover Policing Inquiry, and Counsel to the Medicines and Healthcare Regulatory Agency in the Covid-19 Inquiry. From 2019 to 2023, she was Counsel to the Inquiry in the Grenfell Tower Inquiry.

Lucy's previous career at a multinational company has given her excellent commercial awareness and attention to detail. Her voluntary legal experience in the non-governmental organisation sector enhanced her research, analytical and interpersonal skills.

Having begun her career at a mixed common law set, she has invaluable experience as an advocate in the High Court, Crown Court and County Court.

Expertise

Inquests & Inquiries

Lucy has longstanding experience within Inquiry counsel teams and on behalf of core participants.

Selected Cases

Undercover Policing Inquiry

Instructed as Counsel to the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis since 2023.

UK Covid-19 Inquiry

Instructed as Counsel to the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) since 2023.



Grenfell Tower Inquiry

From 2019-2023 Lucy was instructed as Junior Counsel to the Inquiry. She worked on the preparation and presentation of expert evidence, cross-examination plans, report drafting and assisted Leading Counsel in Inquiry hearings.

Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse

Instructed by the Metropolitan Police Service (core participant).

Personal Injury

Lucy has extensive experience of acting for Claimants and Defendants in personal injury work, including complex and multi-party litigation. She is regularly instructed in public liability, employers' liability and road traffic accident matters.

Lucy has successfully pursued and defended against allegations of fundamental dishonesty on multiple occasions. She has successfully defended personal injury cases on the basis of alleged parties not in fact being present (phantom claimants). She brings a wealth of experience from prosecuting and defending a wide range of dishonesty offences, and her longstanding role on the Disclosure Panel for the Serious Fraud Office.

Her knowledge of the personal injury costs regime is excellent.

Lucy will consider instructions under conditional fee agreements. She delivers training for solicitors in all areas of personal injury work.

Commercial

Lucy advises and appears in various commercial cases, such as contractual disputes, debt recovery, insolvency and cases involving the unfair relationship provisions of the Consumer Credit Act 1974.

Lucy recently succeeded in obtaining permission to issue a writ of control to enforce a judgment obtained in a foreign jurisdiction, outside of the six-year time limit.

Lucy is frequently instructed in personal payment protection (PPI) insurance claims. She has enjoyed significant success in defending such claims on the basis of the inapplicability of the CCA 1974 provisions to historic cases, as well as limitation arguments.

She also acts in bankruptcy and insolvency cases both on behalf of creditors and debtors. She has a strong track record of obtaining costs orders for her clients.



Awards

2012: Middle Temple Stanley Levy Memorial Scholarship (Major Scholarship)

2013: Winner of Middle Temple's Rosamund Smith Mooting Competition; prize-winner for the best individual mooter in the final

Education

2013: BPTC, Kaplan Law School

2012: LLM, University of Nottingham

2010: GDL, The College of Law

2006: BSc, Loughborough University

Memberships

Personal Injury Bar Association