

Anna Wilkinson

Call: 2007

Civil Fraud

Anna Wilkinson has an established practice in civil insurance fraud and regularly undertakes work on behalf of defendant insurers in relation to suspicious or fraudulent insurance claims, including cases involving road traffic accidents, slips and trips and accidents at work.

Anna has extensive experience of cases involving staged accidents, low-velocity impact (LVI), bogus passengers and exaggerated personal injury claims. She is also familiar with the legal issues which arise in credit hire claims.

Anna has experience in acting for travel companies in cases involving flight delays and alleged breaches under the Package Travel, Package Holidays and Package Tours Regulations 1992 (the "Regulations") and ABTA code of conduct. Anna is familiar with HACCP and the issues that arise in defending holiday sickness claims following the judgment of the Court of Appeal in *Wood v TUI Travel*, and is acutely aware of the need for travel companies to consider each claim presented to it with considerable caution in light of the recent surge in fraudulent holiday sickness claims.

As Anna's practice also includes regulatory work she has experience of prosecutions for various types of fraud in addition to those brought for breaches of fire, environmental, and health and safety regulations. This experience gives Anna an ability to advise insurance clients in respect of their prospects in criminal cases arising from fraudulent claims for compensation.

She regularly deals with interlocutory and preliminary hearings, including those to add insurers as a defendants, set aside judgment, deal with expert evidence issues, case-management conferences and associated costs arguments.

Anna ensures she is aware of recent legal developments in the post-Mitchell climate, including the judgments in *Durrant v Chief Constable of Avon and Somerset Constabulary*; *Adlington & Ors v ELS International Lawyers*; and *Porbanderwalla v Daybridge*. She is therefore equipped to deal with arguments in respect of issues arising from the late service of documents or budgets.

Papers practice

She is happy to provide pre-action advice on the strength of individual cases, in conference and in writing, in addition to providing pleadings on behalf of insurer clients. All paperwork is carried out promptly.

Credit-hire fraud

Anna is regularly instructed in relation to claims involving credit hire, especially on behalf of the defence, in cases of all values from the small claims track to the multi-track. She is au fait with the plethora of arguments and cases that have been determined by the Court of Appeal and House of Lords in respect of credit hire agreements, including those made in respect of the Cancellation of Contracts Made in a Consumer's Home or Place of Work Etc Regulations 2008, and the cases of *W v Veolia*, *Pattni v First Leicester Buses Limited* and *Bent v Highways and Utilities*.

Anna has cross-examined claimants about their claim for collection and delivery of a vehicle and making subsequent submissions that the credit hire contract is unenforceable in its entirety. She has also dealt with cases in which the vehicle is used for both business and social, domestic and pleasure purposes and is familiar



Education:

2004 University of Sheffield
LLB Law (2:1)

2007 University of
Northumbria, BVC ('very
competent')

Career:

2007 Paralegal, Perth, Australia

2008 Fee-earner, Harrison
Bunday Solicitors, Leeds Crown
Court & Prison Law Departments

2009 Pupil at Sovereign
Chambers, Leeds

2010 Tenant at Sovereign
Chambers, Leeds

2010 Trainer of expert witnesses
for West Yorkshire Police

2011 CPS Level 2 Prosecutor

2015 Sovereign Chambers
becomes Park Square Barristers

with the case law and arguments which can be advanced in such cases. She regularly uses the arguments relating to basic hire rates.

Public Access

Anna may accept [Public Access](#) work, where she can be instructed directly by a member of the public rather than a solicitor.

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Personal Injury

Anna Wilkinson has a mixed practice of claimant and defendant personal injury (PI) work, including claims funded by a CFA. This includes road traffic accidents, employers' liability cases, and slip-and-trip matters. She has experience of noise-induced hearing loss and clinical negligence, and is pleased to settle or advise on pleadings.

In addition to personal injury work, Anna has experience of debt-recovery and enforcement proceedings, including applications for charging orders, orders for sale and possession hearings.

She also has a busy papers practice, advising on liability, tactics and procedural matters. She is happy to be consulted by email, telephone, video conference and on client premises.

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Regulatory & Public

Ranked: Tier 1 for Regulatory, Health and Safety and Licensing – The Legal [500 \(2019\)](#)

Anna Wilkinson is a B-List Regulatory Advocate and has an established practice in a variety of regulatory and disciplinary work.

” Her advice is always crystal clear” – The Legal [500 2019](#)

“She is very good at putting witnesses at ease”. – The Legal [500 \(2017\)](#)

She spent 3 months in-house at the Environment Agency Prosecution, reviewing files, assessing evidence and advising on whether to prosecute individuals and companies for environmental offences. She also prosecuted cases on behalf of the Environment Agency in both the Magistrates' and Crown Courts. She has continued to be instructed by the Environment Agency in a variety of environmental cases.

Her recent work has included cases prosecuted by local authorities and fire and rescue authorities and Anna has been instructed by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills in relation to frauds by company directors and offences concerning individual voluntary arrangements (IVAs). She regularly acts on behalf of the DWP to prosecute benefit-fraud offences. Anna also appears on behalf of the Child Support Agency and has defended in school truancy, food safety & hygiene, and taxi-licensing matters.

She is regularly instructed to represent prisoners convicted of murder, rape and other serious offences at parole-board hearings across the country.

Anna has undertaken training provided by England Netball in order that she can assist with and adjudicate upon disciplinary complaints involving registered players or leagues.

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Crime

Anna Wilkinson acts for the prosecution or defence in all areas, from the Youth Court to the Court of Appeal. She can be relied upon to put witnesses and clients at ease and to deal with them in a sensitive, approachable and matter-of-fact way.

Recent cases

These have included drugs offences, violence, affrays, sexual offences and dishonesty, often involving multiple defendants. She was instructed by RASSO as Disclosure Junior to Mark McKone in a trial involving multiple complainants of rapes and other serious sexual offences. She has defended in school truancy, food safety & hygiene and taxi-licensing matters.

Fraud

Anna regularly acts on behalf of CPS Fraud Group, prosecuting income-tax and VAT frauds, and is accustomed to cases involving confiscation proceedings. She has also been instructed by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills in relation to frauds by company directors and offences concerning individual voluntary arrangements (IVAs). She regularly acts on behalf of the DWP to prosecute benefit fraud offences, and appears on behalf of the Child Support Agency.

Environment

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Driving offences

Anna has represented defendants accused of a variety of driving offences, including those involving fatalities.

Parole boards

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