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Judy Dawson

Call: 1993

Civil Fraud

“Very thorough in terms of her written work, and a good lateral thinker.”
“She always has the right strategy and is never surprised by any situation.” – Chambers and Partners (2020)

“A dedicated specialist in motor insurance fraud who is especially involved in working with insurers to expose large fraud rings. Her busy caseload often features dishonest claims that are highly sophisticated and complex. She further demonstrates expertise in legal representative misconduct.” – Chambers & Partners (2019)

Ranked as one of only five Band 1 Counsel in the UK for Motor Insurance Fraud – Chambers & Partners (2019).

“Noted for her expertise in insurance fraud matters.” – The Legal 500 (2019)

Ranked in Tier 1 for Personal Injury– The Legal 500 (2020).

“Particularly adept at defending against fraudulent claims.” – The Legal 500 (2020)

“She provides excellent analysis of data in multi-party fraud cases.” – The Legal 500 (2016)

Developing Law

Judy is at the forefront of the development of this area of law, and her professional clients benefit from her wealth of knowledge of the latest developments and strategies. She is regularly invited to lecture on developing law, evolving patterns within insurance fraud and combating newly emerged types of fraud. She has a highly technical and intricate knowledge of the CPR and case law.

“She has a market-leading technical and strategic skillset” – The Legal 500 (2014)

Judy also has a high-level practice in technical insurance indemnity issues, regularly writing articles and advising



Education:

1992 Christ's College, Cambridge University, BA (Hons) Law

1995 MA Cantab

Inns of Court School of Law BVC ('very competent')

Career:

1993 Pupil at Assize Court Chambers, Bristol

2001 Tenant at Assize Court Chambers, Bristol

2001 Tenant at Unity Street Chambers, Bristol

2005 Tenant at Sovereign Chambers, Leeds

Author of A Practical Guide to Handling Motor Insurers' Bureau Claims (Cavendish, 2002)

2015 Sovereign Chambers becomes Park Square Barristers

Appointments:

2017 Lord Chancellor's Examiners of the Court

2019 North Eastern Circuit Deputy District Judge

Memberships:

2012 North Eastern Circuit

1994–2005 Western Circuit

in this area. She is the co-author of a book on Motor Insurance Bureau claims

She is increasingly instructed in high value personal injury claims including when issues surrounding psychological overlay, psychiatric conditions, and subtle brain injury arise, including where exaggeration and fraud is suspected or alleged, dealing with surveillance issues, social media matters, and forensic analysis of bank statements. She is well-versed in the technicalities that arise in relation to such issues and complex disclosure arguments.

Since writing a book "A Practical Guide to Claims Against the Motor Insurer's Bureau" in 2002, Judy has specialised in complex insurance indemnity claims. She has lectured extensively and has written articles on the interplay of the European Communities (Rights Against Insurers) Regulations 2002 and the Road Traffic Act 1988. She regularly drafts pleadings and skeleton arguments in this area and represents parties at strike-out applications, and is recognised as being an expert in service arguments.

Approach

"She's always prepared to tell us not what we want to hear but the actual facts of the case in front of us. Her pleadings are second to none, she sets up the cases perfectly and she explains the positions very well." "She's got a tremendous ability to absorb very difficult and complex cases." – Chambers and Partners (2017)

Having practiced in criminal law for 12 years, earning a reputation as a formidable advocate, she combines her courtroom abilities, in particular exceptional cross-examination skills, with her strong forensic skills and meticulous attention to detail.

"Very thoughtful, highly approachable and extremely knowledgeable."
"Prompt in her advice, she gives very straightforward, no-nonsense direct opinions, and she is clearly very experienced." – Chambers and Partners (2018)

Judy also sits as a Court Examiner and a Deputy District Judge.

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Commercial & Chancery

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Personal Injury

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“A pleasure to work with.” “Very thorough.” – Chambers & Partners (2019)

Judy Dawson has a nation-wide reputation in the field of personal injury, having worked extensively with the insurance industry in relation to identifying and defending fraud rings in road traffic accidents, and exposing dishonest and unprofessional practices of medico-legal experts, treatment providers and legal representatives surrounding such claims.

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Regulatory & Public

Judy represents both families and corporate clients at inquests, utilising her technical knowledge and her detailed cross-examination skills in a sensitive manner, necessary to secure the best results.

She is a very experienced Counsel who has a nationwide reputation for her meticulous preparation and ability to assimilate, understand and present complex facts, in particular arising out of extensive medical records.

She has been involved in seminars in particular in relation to inquests arising out of hospital deaths.

Judy is well known for a sympathetic approach and her personable nature enables her to understand the concerns of her clients and ensure that the Coroner is fully aware of the issues.

Judy is also a Court Examiner, having been appointed by the Lord Chancellor in October 2017. Court Examiners, who are barristers or solicitors who have practised for at least five years, undertake examinations in line with Civil Procedure Rule 34. This is a part-time position and Judy continues to remain in practice.

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