

Ruth Gray

Barrister

Overview

Ruth is a highly regarded barrister on the North Eastern Circuit.

She is well known to professional clients for her skills of being both highly analytical and also practical. She is able to provide for the needs of her clients in a proactive and cost-effective manner. Ruth is ever conscious of the need to be approachable and accessible to clients and is regarded by many of her instructing solicitors as an extension of their own team.

Ruth is always thorough and exceptionally well prepared and is noted for her attention to detail and effective advocacy. She is highly regarded by all levels of the judiciary for her ability to lead the Court to the salient points in a case with her controlled and astute cross-examination.

Always being aware of the commercial realities of litigation and other forms of dispute resolution, Ruth ensures that the particular needs of each individual client are met, whatever the nature of their dispute.

PERSONAL INJURY

Ruth represents claimants and defendants in all areas of personal injury litigation, broadly splitting her practice equally between the two.

She has a busy court practice and is adept on providing sensible and practical advice on liability, procedural issues, tactics and quantum. She acts in cases ranging from straightforward claims of a relatively modest value to claims of significant complexity involving injuries of the maximum severity.

Ruth accepts instructions in the following areas:

- Road Traffic Accident
- She is particularly interested in:
 - Accidents involving public passenger transport vehicles.
 - Claims involving the MIB
 - Claims involving LVI



Year Of Call:

2000

Practice Areas

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Motor Insurance Fraud – including staged and induced accidents; phantom passenger claims, serious and organised insurance fraud.

Employers Liability – including fictitious and exaggerated claims

Public Liability – including fictitious and exaggerated claims

Serious/Catastrophic Injury

Fatal Accidents

Accidents abroad

Animals Act 1974

CLINICAL NEGLIGENCE

Ruth has a particular interest in Clinical Negligence claims and increasingly undertakes:

Advising on Liability/Merits

Drafting Particulars of Claim and Schedules of Loss

Advising on Quantum

CREDIT HIRE

Ruth is highly regarded as one of circuit's top credit hire specialists and has vast experience of dealing with claims for claimants and defendants at all levels. She is first choice for her many clients, particularly when it comes to more complex cases and especially for appeals, applications, multi-track and fast track cases.

Ruth is regularly instructed to advise on specific individual cases. She is approachable and adaptable in terms of the client's preferred method of obtaining advice and is more than happy to tailor the provision of her advice to the needs of the client, in a cost effective manner.

She is a strong negotiator and can objectively assess the litigation risks of the case and provide specialist advice as to the prospects of success. She has over 16 years of experience in running technical arguments arising out of credit hire disputes. She is extremely well versed in all the major appellate cases and regularly deals with common arguments such as enforceability, need, impecuniosity/rate and period as well as more complex issues such as:

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- Intervention
- Agency
- Fleet
- 'Like-for-like' arguments
- Loss of profit
- Exemption from the Consumer Credit Act 1974
- Ex turpi causa and illegality in respect of hire agreements
- Applications for disclosure / third party disclosure
- The law surrounding the interpretation and reliability of the Defendant's rates evidence since *Stevens v Equity Syndicate Management Limited* [2015] EWCA Civ 93 and *McBride v UK Insurance Ltd* [2017] EWCA Civ 144.

Ruth is also equipped and experienced in providing more general advice to professional clients, credit hire organisations and insurers as to the wider implications of undertaking a particular strategy or step in their approach to credit hire litigation.