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**Nicola Shaldon specialises in commercial dispute resolution and her practice is centered on construction, professional liability, costs and insurance, in which fields she has a wealth of experience.**

She is well known and popular for her commitment and for the clarity of her legal analysis which has attracted a loyal following of clients including insurers, banks, building societies, trade unions and individuals. As an advocate she has substantial experience from the County Court to the Court of Appeal and regularly conducts advocacy in the Chancery Division and the TCC.

Nicola brings from the outset an acute sense of the commercial implications for her clients, rigorous legal analysis and focussed attention to detail. Her approach is to identify the key issues at an early stage and to achieve the swiftest and most cost-effective solutions for her clients. Her specialist costs practice is an invaluable aide in achieving this aim.

Nicola is a contributor to Insurance Law Monthly and regularly lectures and gives seminars including advocacy training.

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## Areas of Expertise

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### Costs

Nicola undertakes the full range of costs work and appears regularly in the County Court, the SCCO and the High Court. Her experience includes costs management hearings, assessment of costs in county courts and the SCCO, fixed costs and costs under the RTA portal, wasted costs applications against solicitors in courts and employment tribunals, non-party costs orders, security for costs applications, applications for relief from sanctions, and disputes over fee claims including the effect of costs estimates. The costs aspects of Nicola's practice interacts with her extensive lawyers liability work, and she is frequently instructed in cases where clients are in dispute with solicitors over fees. Recent costs work includes:

- Numerous costs budgeting hearings, frequently involving issues of proportionality;
- Advising and representing solicitors and client on solicitor and client assessments under the Solicitors Act 1974. Recent cases include:
  - a. acting for solicitors in dispute with former client over substantial bill resulting in a successful outcome in the SCCO and the award of indemnity costs,
  - b. advising a solicitor on recoverability of criminal defence fees involving issues of unjust enrichment and the interaction of private retainers and representation orders, and
  - c. advising on issues relating to enforceability of CFAs.



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- Advising on recoverability of costs under the RTA portal
- Acting for solicitor in relation to costs assessment following dispute with former partner in partnership proceedings
- Application in relation to costs consequences of discontinuance
- Advising on the effect of LSC statutory charge
- Successfully resisting application for joinder of credit hire company under section 51 of the SCA
- Advising on the recoverability of costs in detailed assessment following judicial review claim

## Qualifications & Memberships

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She is a member of COMBAR, TECBAR, the Society of Construction Law, BILA , the PNBA and the London Common Law and Commercial Bar Association.

### Education

M.A. (Cantab.) LL.B (London) (First Class)

### Languages

French

## Insights

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**Employers Liability Insurance - parent company liability (Insurance Law Monthly Vol 24 No 10)**

**Marine Insurance: subrogation and joint insurance - Gard Marine in the Supreme Court (Insurance Law Monthly Vol 29 No 10)**