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A rising star, who achieves good results against more experienced opponents.

- Legal 500

Pippa Manby has a broad commercial practice, encompassing general commercial litigation, professional liability, costs, insurance and sports work.

Pippa is recognised by the directories as a Leading Junior in Professional Liability, Sports Law and Costs where she is described as “An extremely personable barrister who puts her clients at ease but turns into a rottweiler in court”, “a rising star, who achieves good results against more experienced opponents”, “bright, responsive, down to earth and user-friendly”, “efficient at understanding the brief – she has no weaknesses”, “a creative thinker with a good analytical mind, she is fast, decisive and insightful”, “technically sound with a very commercial approach to legal issues and solutions” and “confident on her feet with a strong grasp of detail.” More detail regarding Pippa’s experience in particular areas can be found by following the links to the various practice areas.

Before coming to the Bar Pippa read Ancient and Modern History at Worcester College, Oxford where she was a scholar. She then took a year out working in the Gambia for the Institute for Human Rights and Development in Africa. Pippa completed the GDL at City University where she obtained a Distinction and was a finalist in the internal moot competition judged by Lord Hoffmann. Pippa was graded Outstanding on the BVC winning a Buchanan Prize from Lincoln's Inn. Lincoln's Inn has also awarded her Hardwicke, Lord Denning and Levitt Scholarships.

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Areas of Expertise

Costs

“A strong advocate, able to go up alone against leading counsel and pivot rapidly in the face of unexpected developments.” – Legal 500, 2022



“Effective communicator – both with client and judge.” – *Legal 500, 2021*

“She has a level of expertise that far exceeds her year of call.” – *Legal 500, 2020*

“Confident on her feet with a strong grasp of detail.” – *Legal 500, 2019*

“A rising star, who achieves good results against more experienced opponents.” – *Legal 500, 2018*

Costs forms a substantial part of Pippa’s practice. Pippa is regularly instructed in both inter-parties and solicitor-client disputes covering the full range of costs matters. She appears regularly in costs matters in the County Courts, Senior Courts Costs Office and High Court and has appeared before the Supreme Court’s costs officers.

Pippa has experience of cases concerning:

- enforceability of CFAs
- reasonableness and recoverability of ATE premiums
- wasted costs applications
- costs budgeting
- costs in the RTA Portal
- default costs certificates
- applications for assessments under section 70 of the Solicitors Act 1974
- appeals against judicial exercise of discretion in respect of costs
- Part 36
- costs orders on discontinuance
- solicitors’ liens
- public funding
- disallowance of costs on the grounds of misconduct / delay
- provisional assessments and challenges to the same
- solicitors’ failure to provide necessary costs information / inadequate retainer letters
- costs orders for and against non-parties
- litigation funding

Recent examples of her work include:

- Acting for the receiving party in a claim for £60m + costs in relation to the claim for c.£25m of expert disbursements following a 14-week Commercial Court trial.
- Appearing as sole counsel against two QCs in a 14-day appeal relating to a solicitor and/or costs draftsmen’s misconduct in costs proceedings. The matter was subsequently been appealed to the Court of Appeal where it is the leading case on misconduct in costs proceedings: *Gempride v Bamrah* [2018] EWCA Civ 1367.
- Acting (led by Dan Saoul) in a detailed assessment of a £16m bill of costs arising from a large intellectual property dispute. The assessment was listed for 6 weeks but settled shortly before commencement.
- *Woodburn v Thomas* [2017] EWHC B16 (Costs) – a case in which Master McCloud gave guidance on the relationship of costs budgeting in Precedent H and the subsequent Bill of Costs.
- Regular instructions to act in multi-day substantial detailed assessments often following from well-known reported decisions.

Qualifications & Memberships

Memberships – COMBAR, PNBA, BASL

Education – B.A. (Oxon), Dip. Law (City)

Insights

Professional liability update: 2020 year in review

5 January 2021

The core issues considered in the most important professional negligence cases of 2020 cover five main themes, as follows: The practical consequences of the broad policy-based test laid down in recent years to determine when a claimant's claim is "tainted" by his wrongdoing; When it is an abuse of process to attack the outcome of previous proceedings in a subsequent claim; Challenges posed by the separate legal personalities of a company and its shareholders, creditors or other associates; The need for more certainty in the area of vicarious liability; and The extent to which the filtering mechanism based on scope of duty can cut down damages in a claim framed in breach of fiduciary duty rather than negligence. In this review of the year, Helen Evans, Ben Smiley, Pippa Manby, and Ian McDonald of 4 New Square explain what the 2020 cases tell us, how the various strands of development interact, and what to watch out for as we go into 2021.

Professional liability round up of 2019

7 January 2020

Helen Evans, Pippa Manby, Anthony Jones and Seohyung Kim of 4 New Square Chambers explain what the 2019 cases tell us, how the various strands of development interact, and what trends are evident as we go into 2020.

Aldred v Cham

29 October 2019

In *Aldred v Cham* [2019] EWCA Civ 1780 the Court of Appeal considered whether the cost of counsel's advice relating to the proposed settlement of an RTA claim was a claim for a disbursement which should be allowed in addition to the fixed recoverable costs ("FRC") provided for under CPR 45.29C and Table 6B because it was "reasonably incurred due to a particular feature of the dispute". This case has provided welcome clarity in a previously much disputed area. Roger Mallalieu appeared for the successful Appellant. Pippa Manby explains the facts, the court's rulings and the implications of the decision.

2018 – A year in Costs

21 January 2019

Costs law update by 4 New Square - the most significant costs cases of 2018.

The Supreme Court abolishes expert witnesses' immunity from suit: Jones v Kaney [2011] UKSC 13

30 March 2011

On 30 March 2011 the Supreme Court delivered its judgment in *Jones v Kaney* [2011] UKSC 13 abolishing the long-standing principle of English law that expert witnesses are immune from suit in respect of negligence actions brought by clients. This short article seeks: (i) to provide an overview of the case; and (ii) to identify some of its potential implications, not least on insurers and expert witnesses.

The Court of Appeal clarifies the law on Part 36 offers of settlement: C v D [2011] EWCA Civ 646

31 May 2011

In *C v D* [2011] EWCA Civ 646 the Court of Appeal (composed of Rix, Rimer and Stanley Burnton LJ) held that a Part 36 offer was not capable of being time limited and that, against that background, a reasonable interpretation of an offer expressed to be a Part 36 offer and to be "open for 21 days" was that the offer would not be withdrawn during such a period, not that it would automatically lapse thereafter.

The Atomic Veterans Litigation

21 November 2011

Legal Update: the Supreme Court hears the appeal of the veterans from *Ministry of Defence v AB and others* [2010] EWCA Civ 1317 and reserves judgment.

Costs Newsletter: Six Months In

27 November 2013



We are now six months into the Jackson reforms. Most would agree that it is really too early to tell what impact the reforms have had; with many of the reforms being subject to transitional arrangements which necessarily means that it will be towards the beginning of 2014 before we start seeing measurable impacts of the Jackson reforms. That having been said, the reforms have already injected a good deal of challenging questions into civil procedure generally.

Greenwich Millennium Village Limited v Essex Services Group PLC (& ors) [2014] EWHC 1099 (TCC)

6 May 2014

Mr Justice Coulson has handed down his lengthy judgment on the costs matters arising from the claim made by Greenwich Millennium Village Limited ("GMVL"). His judgment may prove of particular interest for his consideration of costs issues which arise when, as so often in the TCC, parties seek to pass on liabilities along a contractual chain.