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

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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

Property Damage

Pippa has varied experience of property damage claims both in terms of recovery actions and in actions against letting agents said to be responsible for permitting such damage. She has experience of private and public nuisance and *Rylands v Fletcher* claims. Recent examples of her work include:

- various claims relating to Japanese knotweed;
- acting for a manufacturer of large oil tanks in a claim relating to a defective product alleged to have caused severe damage to a residential care home;
- acting for a landlord in a claim relating to fire damage caused by a neighbouring property;
- acting for a landlord in a claim relating to negligent servicing of a boiler which caused an oil leak;
- acting for homeowners in a nuisance / negligence claim relating to subsidence allegedly caused by an oak tree in their garden;
- acting for a homeowner in a claim against a major utilities company relating to a flood caused by negligent repairs carried out by their emergency team;
- acting for a homeowner and her insurer in relation to a flood claim brought against both a building company and vendor of bathroom goods which settled shortly prior to trial;
- acting in a claim for damage and business interruption losses on behalf of a business whose showroom was burned to the ground by an escape of hot embers from a garden fire;
- acting for a homeowner and their insurer in a claim relating to the negligent installation of a new water pump which caused a major flood in the property. The claim included losses relating to lost rent from prospective tenants;
- acting for a farmer and his insurer claiming for significant damage to their farm as a result of a fire caused by an incinerator located on a neighbouring property;
- defending a letting agent alleged to have negligently vetted tenants who converted a commercial property into a marijuana factory;
- defending a letting agent alleged by the home-owners to have wrongly permitted tenants to keep pets in a property resulting in considerable animal damage to the property. The matter proceeded to a two-day trial, with more than 10 witnesses for the claimant home-owners where it was successfully defended.

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 LJJ) 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.