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Pippa Manby has a broad commercial practice, encompassing general commercial disputes, professional liability and disciplinary matters, costs, insurance and sports work. This encompasses disputes proceeding both by way of litigation and arbitration. She also sits as an arbitrator in sports disputes. Pippa was instructed in one of the Lawyer's Top 20 cases for 2023 (*Cutlers Holdings v Shepherd & Wedderburn*) and is instructed in one of the Lawyer's Top 20 cases for 2024 (*Municipio de Mariana & ors v BHP*).

Pippa is recognised by the directories as a Leading Junior in Professional Liability, Sports Law and Costs where she is described as "very astute and easy to work with... able to simplify complex issues in a straightforward manner." "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.

Privacy Policy

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Expertise

Commercial Litigation

Pippa's commercial practice is broad and includes cases across a range of disputes in the United Kingdom and internationally. She has experience of cases involving the supply of goods and services, banking and finance, fraud, breach of warranty SPA claims, company law, guarantees, insurance and insolvency and bankruptcy.

She has experience of recovery actions, including obtaining injunctions and freezing injunctions.

Featured Commercial Litigation cases

- *Município de Mariana & ors v BHP*: Acting (as part of a team led by Alain Choo-Choy KC) for over 750,000 claimants (including municipalities, businesses, utility companies, individuals, religious entities and Indigenous peoples) in the largest opt-in class action lawsuit in English legal history relating to the collapse of the Fundão tailings dam in Minas Gerais, Brazil, which caused the worst environmental disaster in Brazilian history. The case is proceeding to a first stage trial in autumn 2024. The case was selected as one of the The Lawyer's Top 20 Cases for 2024.
- Acting for director defendants to a claim for fraud brought by a shareholder in relation to an M&A transaction.
- Acting for world title holding boxer in relation to urgent injunction proceedings against promoter.
- Acting for national service-provider in dispute with major supermarket claim (led by Ben Hubble KC).
- Acting (led by Matthew Bradley KC) for claimants seeking to recover funds misappropriated by a fraudster.
- Acting (led by Graham Chapman KC) for the successful applicant for a worldwide freezing injunction to secure a judgment debt.
- Acting and advising in various cases relating to claims relating to breaches of warranties in SPAs.
- Advising on a claim against a Premier League football club by a former player under a Net Sum Tax Guarantee.
- Acting in relation to a substantial claim relating to a failed golf resort. The claim raises issues of choice of law and forum and liability under guarantees.
- Acting for a sportswear manufacturer in relation to a commercial dispute with its Dutch R&D partner.
- Acting in a claim arising from the termination of a contract for wholesale office supplies.
- Advising and acting in various claims relating to enforcement of guarantees.
- Acting for a major online retailer in relation to proceedings brought against it for alleged breaches of its terms of use.
- Various instructions in the Companies Court relating to share capital reductions.

Costs & Litigation Funding

"Pippa Manby is a very thorough advocate who is always brilliantly prepared." – *Chambers & Partners*

“If you are not instructing Pippa you are missing out on one of the sharpest, smartest and steadiest costs barristers currently practising.” – Legal 500

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

“Pippa Manby is a very thorough advocate who is always brilliantly prepared.” “Effective communicator – both with client and judge.” – Legal 500

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

Costs forms a substantial part of Pippa’s practice and she is ranked as a Leading Junior by Chambers & Partners and the Legal 500. 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
- the requirements for interim statute bills
- applications for assessments under section 70 of the Solicitors Act 1974
- appeals against judicial exercise of discretion in respect of costs
- Part 36
- 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

Featured Costs cases

- *Município de Mariana & ors v BHP*: Acting (as part of a team led by Alain Choo-Choy KC) for over 750,000 claimants (including municipalities, businesses, utility companies, individuals, religious entities and Indigenous peoples) in the largest opt-in class action lawsuit in English legal history relating to the collapse of the Fundão tailings dam in Minas Gerais, Brazil, which caused the worst environmental disaster in Brazilian history. Part of Pippa’s role is in relation to the costs elements of the claim. The case was selected as one of The Lawyer’s Top 20 Cases for 2024.
- Advising in relation to funding issues in relation to group litigation in both the courts and the Competition Appeal Tribunal.
- Acting for the receiving party in a claim for £60m + costs following a 14-week Commercial Court trial: *Deutsche Bank AG v Sebastian Holdings Inc* [2021] EWHC B4 (Costs); *Deutsche Bank AG v Sebastian Holdings Inc* [2021] EWHC B10 (Costs); *Deutsche Bank v Vik* [2022] EWHC 2920 (SCCO); *Deutsche Bank v Vik* [2023] EWHC 9 (SCC).
- Acting for solicitors in defence of an application to assess the entirety of their fees for acting in a substantial Commercial Court fraud case which ran to a six-week trial.
- Acting for clients seeking an assessment of £3.25m fees charged in a High Court shareholder dispute.
- Appearing as sole counsel against two KCs in a 14-day appeal relating to a solicitor and/or costs draftsmen’s misconduct in costs proceedings. The matter was subsequently appealed to the Court of Appeal where it is the leading case on misconduct in costs proceedings: *Gempriede 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.
- Acting for the bank in *Clydesdale Bank Plc v Kinleigh Folkard & Hayward Ltd* [2014] 2 WLUK 175, a case concerning when liability for costs commences.

Insurance

Pippa is regularly instructed to provide advice on and to act in insurance matters. She has experience of claims involving:

- material non-disclosure and misrepresentation;
- incorporation and construction of terms;
- notification;
- waiver;
- aggregation;
- allocation of liability between insurers;
- fraudulent claims;
- minimum terms for indemnity insurance for various professional bodies;
- assignment of policies and prohibitions on assignment.

Featured Insurance & Reinsurance cases

- Acting for an insured in relation to a claim under a Buyer-Side Warranty and Indemnity Policy (led by Roger Stewart KC).
- Acting on behalf of an insurer in defending a claim brought under a motor policy. The claim was successfully defended following a two-day trial.
- Advising an insurer in relation to recovery of its outlay against directors of an insured.
- Advising a client in relation to a sickness policy.

International Arbitration

Pippa accepts instructions in disputes proceeding by way of arbitration.

Pippa has been instructed as part of a large team in an LCIA arbitration concerning a £800m contract for the design, development, testing and support of a complex IT system.

She has also been instructed in a commercial dispute relating to media rights in the European Court of Arbitration.

Professional Liability

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“Pippa cuts to the heart of the issues and provides practical and clear advice. Her written work is concise and her advocacy is thorough, well thought through and persuasive.” – *Legal 500*

“Pippa is extremely bright and hard working. She demonstrates a dogged pursuit of detail and is a fearsome opponent.” – *Legal 500*

“A very diligent and extremely bright barrister. She focuses on the difficult issues and makes them simpler.” “She’s easy to work with, she provides concise advice on complex areas, and she’s someone who can answer questions with a sensible and detailed response.” – *Chambers & Partners*

“She is hard working, leaves no stone unturned and is excellent technically. One to watch.” – *Legal 500*

“She is a rising star and is just very straightforward in her advice and advocacy – she makes complex things simple.” – *Chambers & Partners*

“An extremely personable barrister who puts her clients at ease but turns into a rottweiler in court.” “She is very effective in her presentation to the judge and has a professional way of dealing with discussions between parties.” – *Chambers & Partners*

Professional liability forms a substantial part of Pippa’s practice and she is recognised by Chambers & Partners and the Legal 500 as a leading junior in this area. Pippa has advised and acted for claimants and defendants in professional liability actions involving solicitors, barristers, patent attorneys, accountants / auditors, IFAs, surveyors, insurance brokers, construction professionals, tax advisers and other professionals.

During pupillage Pippa assisted with the preparation of the Respondent’s case for the appeal to the Supreme Court in *Jones v Kaney* [2011] UKSC 13 (the case which abolished expert witness immunity from suit).

Accountants, Auditors & Tax Advisers

Pippa has substantial experience of claims for and against accountants, auditors and tax advisers. She has experience of cases involving tax advice; accounting and book-keeping services; audit; and wider financial advice (including pensions).

Pippa is comfortable acting in cases with complex underlying financial and accounting issues.

Featured Accountants, Auditors and Tax Advisers cases

- Acting (led by Ben Hubble KC) in a substantial claim against company accountants for negligent advice in relation to a failed offshore investment.
- Acting (led by Graham Chapman KC) in a large claim relating to negligent tax advice in relation to a round-the-world tax scheme: *Evans v PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP* [2019] EWHC 2350 and [2019] EWHC 1505. The case is a leading authority on limitation, particularly, date of loss for tortious claims.
- Acting (led by Rebecca Sabben-Clare KC) for accountants facing claims in relation to tax advice in relation to complex foreign tax arrangements.
- Acting for a Hong Kong based auditor facing a substantial claim for negligence for failing to detect management fraud in a Chinese company.
- Advising a large accountancy firm in relation to limitation issues in respect of historic claims.
- Acting in a claim in relation to negligent advice on the appropriate tax treatment of and legally effective route to effect a share repurchase by the company of a director’s shares.
- Advising and acting for Singaporean auditors in relation to their potential liability in a substantial claim relating to allegations of failing to detect employee fraud in a large Singaporean company.
- Acting for accountants in a case relating to tax treatment of partnership property.
- Acting for accountants in a case relating VAT registration.
- Various claims relating to failed tax mitigation schemes (including film finance schemes and schemes relating to SDLT)

Construction Professionals

Pippa is experienced at acting for and against construction professionals.

Featured Construction Professionals cases:

- Acting on behalf of a defendant architect in relation to a claim for failing to obtain planning permission and/or advise of the risks of proceeding without planning permission in relation to a high-value residential property development in London.
- Representing a project manager involved in the re-building of a traditional Cornish farmhouse.

Legal Professionals

Pippa has substantial experience of cases involving those involved in providing legal services. As well as a significant practice in cases involving solicitors and barristers, she also has experience of cases involving patent attorneys, costs draftsmen / lawyers and notaries.

She has experience of cases involving corporate transactions, M&A, conveyancing, lost litigation, privilege, underlying family and criminal proceedings, probate and (wasted) costs.

She is comfortable acting in actions which include complex underlying financial transactions.

Featured Legal Professionals Cases:

- *Cutler Holdings Limited v Shepherd & Wedderburn* [2023] EWHC 720 (Ch): Acting (led by Ben Elkington KC and Thomas Ogden) in a substantial claim against longstanding solicitors in relation to negligent drafting of and advice in connection with a joint venture agreement involving a football club. The claim proceeded to a four-week trial in February 2023 and was one of The Lawyer's Top 20 cases for 2023.
- *BASF v Carpmaels and Ransford* [2021] EWHC 2899 (Ch): Acting (led by Roger Stewart KC and Miles Copeland) in the largest ever claim against patent attorneys for failures in relation to an exhaust emissions patent.
- Acting (led by Ben Hubble KC) for the defendant solicitors in a substantial case relating to matrimonial proceedings and security for payments of financial relief.
- Acting (led by Dan Saoul KC) for defendant solicitors in multi-million pound proceedings relating to allegedly negligent advice in relation to FCA regulations.
- Acting (led by Roger Stewart KC and Graham Chapman KC) on behalf of a hedge fund suing the French office of an international law firm for breaches of duty relating to the enforcement of a Eur 20m loan. The case (*Fortelus Special Situations Master Fund Ltd v Fried Frank Harris Shriver & Jacobson*) was selected as one of the Lawyer's Top 20 cases for 2016.
- Acting (led by Ben Hubble KC and Graham Chapman KC) for defendant solicitors alleged to have been negligent in performing the due diligence and verification of a company seeking public listing on the Alternative Investment Market. The claim for \$65m settled shortly before trial.
- Appearing as sole counsel against two KCs in a 14-day appeal relating to a solicitor and/or costs draftsmen's misconduct in costs proceedings. The matter was subsequently appealed to the Court of Appeal where it is the leading case on misconduct in costs proceedings: *Gempried v Bamrah* [2018] EWCA Civ 1367.
- Acting (led by Eason Rajah KC) in a very high-value claim relating to allegedly negligent advice provided by solicitors and Counsel in the context of Court of Protection proceedings which was settled confidentially.
- Acting (led by Ben Hubble KC) for solicitors defending a substantial claim relating to alleged negligent drafting of joint venture agreements in relation to solar farms in Greece. The solicitors were successful and on appeal to the Court of Appeal: *Watson Farley & Williams (a firm) v Ostrovsky* [2014] EWHC 160 (QB); and [2015] EWCA Civ 457.
- Various instructions arising from claims by mortgage lenders against professionals where unpaid mortgage loans have resulted in a shortfall on the sale of the security.

Financial Services Professionals

Pippa has varied experience of claims against IFAs and other financial services professionals. She has experience of claims relating to tax mitigation schemes, pensions, failures to implement client instructions and failures in relation to assessment of client risk appetite.

Insurance Brokers & Agents

Pippa has experience of bringing and defending claims against insurance brokers. This is complemented by her practice in insurance law. Her experience of such claims includes experience in relation to disclosure, notification of circumstances to insurers and negligent placing of insurance.

Recent examples of her work include:

- Acting for a claimant firm of IFAs in a Commercial Court claim against their former professional indemnity insurance brokers. The claim alleges failures in relation to advice on disclosure.
- Acting for a defendant insurance broker in a claim relating to fire damage to a hotel for which the insurer has purported to avoid the policy on grounds of deliberate or reckless non-disclosure.
- Acting for a defendant insurance broker in a claim relating to a motor policy and alleged non-disclosure of criminal convictions of one of the drivers.

Surveyors & Valuers

Pippa has significant experience of bringing and defending claims against surveyors and valuers.

Recent examples of her work include:

- Acting for a surveyor alleged to have failed to identify a sewer running over a plot of land which was purchased for intended substantial residential redevelopment.
- Defending a surveyor alleged to have failed to identify Japanese knotweed during a residential mortgage valuation. The case was dismissed and costs awarded to the defendant following a three-day trial.
- Defending a surveyor jointly instructed by the parties to perform a rent review valuation.
- Acting for a property owner suing surveyors for failing to identify damp and/or other serious defects in a high-value home during a building survey.
- Various claims by banks relating to valuation of mortgage securities.

Regulatory & Disciplinary

Pippa has wide-ranging experience of regulatory and disciplinary matters in a sports law context. She is keen to expand her practice in this area in the professional regulatory and disciplinary context.

She recently appeared (led by Ben Hubble KC) in the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal on behalf of a respondent solicitor in a highly-publicised case raising allegations of dishonesty and misleading the court.

Sports Law

“A good advocate who is able to get to grips with the facts quickly.” – *Chambers & Partners*

“Pippa is very quick to pick up on the complexities of a matter, very clear in her advice and also very calm under pressure.” – *Legal 500*

“Very assured advocate and adaptable in her approach” – *Legal 500*

“She is technically excellent and strong in anti-doping work.” – *Legal 500*

“A creative thinker with a good analytical mind, she is fast, decisive and insightful.” – *Legal 500*

“Efficient at understanding the brief – she has no weaknesses.” – *Legal 500*

Recognised as a Leading Sports Junior by Chambers & Partners, the Legal 500 and Who's Who Legal, Pippa has a sizeable sports law practice which includes acting for athletes, coaches and governing bodies. She has experience of cases across the sports law spectrum, including matters involving selection, doping, funding, disciplinary matters, governance and contracts.

She regularly appears before tribunals acting for clients in contentious matters that proceed to hearing. In addition, she has experience of advising on non-contentious issues and of drafting in a sports law context.

She has been appointed to sit as a Development Arbitrator by Sports Resolutions and has since been regularly appointed as arbitrator to various disputes, including those proceeding under Rule K.

Pippa was nominated for Sports Law Junior of the Year at the Legal 500 Awards.

Featured Sports Law cases

- Acting for Derbyshire Cricketer, Tom Wood, in the first anti-doping case brought by the English Cricket Board for over a decade. A substantially reduced ban relating to Mr Wood's use of his asthma inhaler was achieved. The case raised issues relating to Therapeutic Use Exemptions.
- Acting for the Rugby Football Union in prosecuting former Premiership Winner Chris Mayor for Use, Possession and Trafficking of Human Growth Hormone (and associated Attempted offences).
- Acting for the ITF in prosecuting a top-100 player for the presence of a banned steroid. The case is on appeal to CAS.
- Acting for world title holding boxer in dispute with promoter regarding unpaid purses and rematch clauses.
- Acting for Premiership football club in relation to training ground incident.
- Acting for an international-level athlete appealing a sanction for a positive test for furosemide to CAS.
- Acting for a former Olympian charged with evading, refusing or failing to provide a sample. Following a two-day hearing, the charges were dismissed and the athlete was exonerated.
- Advising in relation to a footballer's challenge to his conviction for evading provision of a sample.
- Representing a Premiership Footballer charged with a Rule E1 offence before an FA Disciplinary Panel.
- Representing a youth football charged with using racially abusive language before an FA Disciplinary Panel. The charges were dismissed.
- Acting and appearing successfully for a manager in a dispute both before the British Boxing Board of Control and the Appeal Stewards of the BBBofC in relation to the poaching of boxers from his stable.
- Acting (led by Dan Saoul KC) in *UKAD v Buttifant*, a case which raised issues regarding intention and contamination and which is now a leading case on intention.
- Acting for a tennis player charged by the ITF with refusing or failing to provide a sample: *ITF v Mak*.
- Acting in an FA Rule K arbitration for a respondent football club.
- Advising and acting for NGBs on various legal issues including selection disputes, governance issues, gambling and funding.

Pippa is willing to consider instructions on a pro bono basis where appropriate.

Awards



Qualifications

Memberships – COMBAR, PNBA, BASL

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