

Louisa Denning

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"Louisa is hardworking and tenacious and is always willing to go the extra mile."

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Louisa Denning practises exclusively in the field of personal injury. She has 25 years' experience of litigation arising from:

- road traffic accidents, including pedestrian claims; – accidents at work;
- occupiers' liability and other public liability claims; – product liability claims;
- claims for personal injury caused by domestic and farm animals; and – novel claims arising in negligence and nuisance.

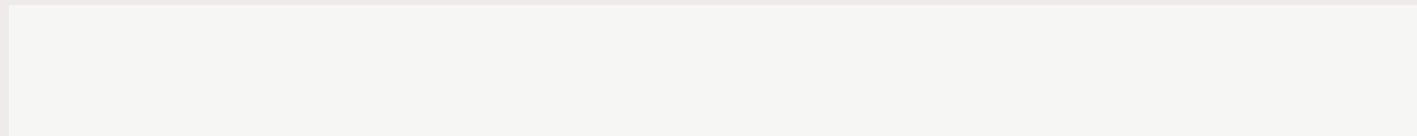
Louisa's practice encompasses both advisory and adversarial elements. As well as being a highly skilled advocate, who thrives in court, Louisa is frequently instructed to draft pleadings and to provide advice in conference and on paper. Louisa is diligent and prides herself on her ability to turnaround paperwork promptly. She is an advocate of paperless working and will happily accept instructions to attend remote hearings and to conduct conferences via video link in appropriate cases.

Expertise

Personal Injury

Louisa takes instructions from Claimants and Defendants alike. She has a keen interest and expertise in the defence of fraudulent personal injury claims, especially claims arising out of alleged road traffic accidents and fraudulent employers' liability claims. Louisa is a panel barrister for several major insurers and is regularly instructed by specialist Defendant firms of solicitors.

Louisa's claimant work encompasses cases spanning the range of the new intermediate track and the multi-track and includes fatal accident claims and cases involving brain injury, amputation and complex multiple injuries. Louisa's approach to such cases combines compassion and attention to detail. In very high value cases, Louisa works well with Leading Counsel and serves as an effective interface between her instructing solicitor and King's Counsel.



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Catastrophic Injury

Louisa practises exclusively in the field of personal injury acting for both Claimants and Defendants. Much of Louisa's work is of a complex nature and involves claims of substantial value.

In recent years Louisa has acted in cases involving:

- Significant Brain Injury
- Limb Amputation
- Serious Spinal injury
- Pain Disorder
- Psychiatric Injury
- Multiple Injuries arising from crushing
- Risk of Epilepsy (where Provisional Damages are claimed)
- Fatal Accidents

Louisa's attention to detail is well suited to cases involving: – Substantial loss of earnings

- Complex care requirements
- Alternative accommodation claims
- Claims for aids and equipment (including prosthetics) – Loss of Pension

Louisa's practice encompasses both advisory and adversarial elements. She is well suited to client-facing work (i.e. conferences and joint settlement meetings) and takes particular care to explain her advice in a clear and straightforward manner to her lay and insurer clients.

In very high value cases, Louisa works well with Leading Counsel and serves as an effective interface between her instructing solicitor and King's Counsel.

Louisa is diligent and prides herself on her ability to respond to her instructions in a timely manner. She is an advocate of paperless working wherever possible.

Credit Hire

Louisa is often instructed to defend claims involving substantial credit hire charges allocated to either the fast track or the multi track.

In addition to the usual arguments pertaining to need, impecuniosity, rate and period, Louisa is regularly instructed in high value cases involving:

- claims for credit hire charges in taxi cases;
- complex arguments concerning mitigation of loss;
- technical arguments relating to basic hire rate evidence; and – illegality, fraud and misrepresentation.

Fraudulent Insurance Claims

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Louisa's practice encompasses a substantial volume of fraudulent insurance litigation. She is a panel barrister for several major insurers and is regularly instructed by specialist Defendant firms of solicitors.

Louisa is involved in these cases from the early stages and has particular expertise in assessing the quality of the available evidence relating to possible fraud, drafting the defence setting out allegations of dishonesty, amending previously drafted defences to plead fraud in light of new evidence and testing witness evidence in conference.

Louisa understands the importance of a robust, clear, fully pleaded defence where fraud or fundamental dishonesty is alleged or where the claimant's credibility is called into question. Louisa is diligent and prides herself on her ability to turnaround paperwork promptly.

(i) Fraudulent Road Traffic Claims

Louisa has substantial experience in the defence of fraudulent insurance claims arising from alleged road traffic accidents. Louisa is regularly instructed to cross-examine claimants at trial in cases involving staged accidents, deliberately induced accidents, bogus occupant claims and where causation is in issue, for example in circumstances where the Defendant contends that a collision occurred at low velocity.

(ii) Fraudulent Employers' Liability and Public Liability Claims

In recent years, Louisa has seen increasing instruction by specialist solicitors and insurers concerned with fraudulent employers' liability and public liability claims. Louisa is adept at identifying inconsistencies in evidence that can be used to challenge a claimant's credibility.

Alongside her court work, Louisa is frequently asked to advise on strategy and evidential issues and to draft robust pleadings.

(iii) Exaggerated Claims

Louisa has particular expertise in interrogating medical experts, both by means of Part 35 questions and in cross-examination at trial. She is meticulous in her review of medical records and other documentary evidence and clinical in her cross-examination of claimants.

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Accreditations

- McMahon Scholarship (St John's College)
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