



## Sadie Crapper

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*"Bright; willing; fierce in your favour; meticulous."* The Legal 500 2021

*"She is always well prepared and is excellent in cross-examinations."* Chambers UK 2021

Sadie Crapper's practice concentrates on personal injury and clinical negligence and police law. She is ranked by the legal directories for both fraud and Personal Injury.

Sadie has a nationwide practice and is always pleased to attend conferences and to give seminars and lectures at her clients' convenience.

## Areas of expertise

Personal Injury

Fraud

Clinical Negligence

Administrative & Public (inc. Police Law)

Regulatory and Disciplinary

Alternative Dispute Resolution

## Fraud

*"An excellent barrister in court. "She's brilliant. She's full of common sense and she does this extremely well."* Chambers and Partners

*'Incisive, has an excellent and personal approach to clients.'* Legal 500

*"Known for her strong work in motor insurance fraud, which sits alongside her estimable personal injury practice. She has considerable expertise of acting for defendant insurers facing issues such as staged accidents, phantom passengers and exaggerated claims."* Chambers and Partners

*"She delivers what is expected in a way that is client and solicitor-friendly."* Chambers and Partners.

Sadie has a thriving defendant fraud practice and is ranked in Band 1 for Motor Insurance Fraud by Chambers and Partners. Her expertise includes:

- fraudulent exaggeration claims, including strike out of such claims
- staged accident
- phantom passenger
- faked accident claims
- contempt proceedings
- costs arguments arising from fraudulent claims, including the appropriate use of the offer regimes

Sadie is often involved in cases at the earliest stage of a suspicious claim and works closely with the existing team to progress the case. Using her pre-Bar experience working in the legal department at Thames Valley Police, Sadie recognizes the need to work flexibly to meet the demands of managing fraud claims and provides clear and concise advice to assist in the management of a suspicious claim towards a successful conclusion.

## Reported cases

Reported cases include:

- *Summers v Fairclough Homes Ltd* [2012] 1 WLR 2004 – landmark fraud case in the Supreme Court establishing power to strike out claims for fraud
- *Fari v Homes for Haringey* (Central London CC, Oct 2012) and *Homes for Haringey v Fari* (QBD, Jan 2013) – first strike out of personal injury claim using the *Summers* powers and contempt proceedings which followed

Other notable cases include:

- *AS v M Ltd*, Sheffield County Court in 2017-2018. Sadie Crapper was instructed on behalf of Zurich concerning of a fraudulent claim involving exaggeration fraud in which the Claimant claimed over £1million for lifelong disability and loss of earnings. Claim was discontinued after the Defendant's evidence of fraud was served.
- *DL v DXG*, 2017-2018. The case concerned a claimant who alleged he had suffered an eye injury causing impairment of the sight in one eye with lifelong disability and earnings loss. A combination of surveillance and expert evidence proved the lie. Sadie Crapper was instructed before proceedings commenced to give early advice on how best to manage the claim to a successful, low-cost conclusion.
- *Sikand v CS Lounge Suite Ltd and others*, CLCC, DJ Avent, 14 July 2016 – entire personal injury action struck out on an interlocutory application using *Summers v Fairclough Homes Ltd* where a wannabe lawyer signed false statements of truth in pursuit of a fraudulent claim.

## Recommendations

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- Chambers UK 2021:
  - Personal injury (Band 2) – '*She is meticulous and has great attention to detail. She is always well prepared and is excellent in cross-examinations.*'
  - Motor insurance fraud (Band 1) – '*She's very good on paper, has an eye for detail and is extraordinarily thorough. I have the highest respect for her.*'
- Legal 500 2021:
  - Personal injury (Leading Junior, Tier 3) – '*Bright; willing; fierce in your favour; meticulous.*'
  - Insurance fraud (Leading Junior, Tier 1) – '*Bright; willing; fierce in your favour; meticulous.*'

- Chambers UK 2020:
  - Personal injury (Band 2) – *'She's commercially minded but up for a good fight if matters need to be taken to trial. She's very thorough and will give you good, sensible advice.' 'Sadie is incredibly thorough and covers every single base to ensure the best settlement possible for every client. She's excellent in conference and is particularly good at putting experts at ease. She shows great empathy, and her professionalism gives her clients a great deal of confidence.'*
  - Motor insurance fraud (Band 1) – *'Displays excellent attention to detail when reviewing complex pieces of evidence. She spots points others miss and is tactically astute.'*
- Legal 500 2020:
  - Personal injury (Leading Junior, Tier 3) and Insurance fraud (leading junior) – *'Junior counsel of choice in difficult cases.'*
- Chambers UK 2019:
  - Personal injury (Band 2) – *'Sadie is a highly intelligent and skilled barrister. Her strategic approaches are very well appreciated.' 'She is very tough against her opponents; she is a no-nonsense advocate who is always on the ball.'*
  - Motor insurance fraud (Band 1) – *'An excellent barrister in court.' 'She is brilliant. She's full of common sense and she does this extremely well.'*
- Legal 500 2019:
  - Insurance fraud – (Leading Junior, Tier 1) – *'Incisive, has an excellent and personal approach to clients.'*
  - Personal injury – (Leading Junior, Tier 4) – *'She is a leading junior who is extremely good at cutting through the issues.'*

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