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Angela Rainey practises across the range of chambers' civil liability work, specialising in insurance fraud and indemnity; commercial disputes; clinical negligence and personal injury; accidents abroad; and claims with jurisdiction and choice of law disputes.

Angela is known for her practical and strategic approach to litigation, her easy and direct manner with professional and lay clients, tenacious yet measured advocacy and her rigorous cross-examination. She regularly attends joint settlement meetings and mediations, and engages actively in all forms of ADR throughout her cases. She is a skilled negotiator with a strategic approach.

Angela's experience attending detailed assessments and appeals in the SCCO, alongside costs advisory work, has informed her strategic approach to litigation, including ADR and interlocutory hearings, and advice in relation to compromising claims (whether under CPR part 36 or otherwise).

She frequently appears at trial and interlocutory hearings in the High Court and the County Court, and at appeal hearings. She undertakes the full range of pleading and advisory work.

Areas of expertise

- Insurance Fraud
- Commercial
- Clinical Negligence
- Personal Injury
- Costs

Personal Injury

Angela is an experienced practitioner across the full range of such claims. She has acted in high value and sensitive cases, including brain and spinal injury on behalf of claimants and defendants. She regularly acts in RTA cases and has experience as junior counsel in instructed claims involving detailed expert analysis and accident reconstruction, often with jurisdictional issues and conflicts points.

EL, PL & Product Liability

Angela accepts instructions from claimants and defendants in Employers' Liability ("EL"), Public Liability ("PL") and product liability cases, and is regularly instructed by local authorities in relation to a wide variety of such claims. Her commercial expertise is valued by clients where there are multiple defendants and contractual indemnity disputes.

Angela is instructed by celebrity clients, is skilled at pleading the more complex future loss calculations and causation arguments that arise in such claims, and is sensitive to confidentiality and disclosure issues that may pose particular concern to clients in the public eye. Her discretion is absolute and a variety of her general work has been highly confidential.

Recent experience includes:

- Road Traffic Accidents (sole and junior counsel);
- Product liability, including vehicles, lifts, escalators, lasers and other dermatological equipment, and various other machinery;
- PL acting for claimants and defendant companies in a wide variety of such cases;
- EL in a wide variety of cases, including the application of the legislative framework and strategy in claims brought post-ERRA. She frequently acts on behalf of companies and local authorities.

Jurisdiction & Conflict of Laws

Angela has specialist experience in jurisdiction disputes and choice of law issues arising out of accidents abroad or within the jurisdiction concerning foreign nationals, including accidents in the air.

Angela has been instructed as sole and as junior counsel in high court preliminary trials, and has been instructed to attend many JSMs with a significant jurisdictional or conflicts dispute. She undertakes advisory work as to the appropriate application of the EU and international legal framework regarding jurisdiction and choice of law, case strategy including the appropriate instruction of foreign experts, and litigation costs. Her experience as a specialist PI practitioner outside the confines of claims with a foreign element enhances her detailed and strategic approach to quantum in such cases, and is of particular advantage at settlement meetings.

Recent experience includes:

- Junior Counsel in a multi-million pound PI claim for post-traumatic brain damage arising out of an accident abroad – directly instructed to advise in relation to jurisdiction as a preliminary issue involving complex and novel legal issues;
- High Court preliminary trials on jurisdiction, including Brussels I (where applicable) and Brussels I (Recast) disputes;
- Lugano Convention cases;
- Choice of law/conflicts points generally, and Rome II;
- The *Vauxhall Helicopter Crash* litigation – instructed on behalf of a Defendant in a High Court action;
- Instructed on behalf of a Defendant employer in an intimated High Court action concerning a helicopter crash in Africa, with complex issues as to both jurisdiction, choice of law and assessment quantum (settled favourably at JSM);
- Assisting in a multi-million product liability case involving a quad bike accident in Iceland;
- A variety of travel claims arising out of accidents in a variety of EU countries.

Inquests

Angela is regularly instructed to attend Inquests. Her most recent experience was representing a London borough at a 5-week Article 2 inquest concerning a deceased starting a fire in a block of council flats, with inquiry into the legality of the policies of a number of state agencies. She is comfortable in front of a jury.

- Inquest touching the death of Michael Thompson, before the Senior Coroner at Southwark (July/August 2017).
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