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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

Insurance Fraud

Angela has a thriving defendant fraud practice, having successfully defended many claims either at trial, through negotiation, or by securing discontinuance following service of a robust defence. She is known for her direct, approachable manner with both professional and lay clients, detailed case preparation, and effective advocacy with rigorous cross-examination.

Her experience spans the range of such claims including issues with indemnity, employer's liability, public liability or product liability claims involving fraud or suspicious factors (including chronic pain or similar conditions and when to deploy surveillance footage).

Angela has particular interest and experience in more complex RTA fraud cases requiring expert evidence

and has worked with major vehicle manufacturers on sensitive cases requiring detailed analysis and accident reconstruction. She enjoys the forensic challenge of assimilating and distilling engineering evidence or other data.

She is often instructed at the earliest stage of a suspicious claim to advise as to pre-action strategy (including commercial offers, disclosure, PADs, and privilege), and in conference as to witness credibility and case strategy.

Professional clients value her sound judgment, borne out by success at trial or early discontinuation of suspicious claims. Angela is regularly instructed to advise when to plead fraud and works with the existing team to progress the claim. Her experience extends to litigation with connected suspicious claims (issued or intimated) and the case management thereof, including consolidation, split trial, and section 57 applications.

Suspicious claims inevitably involve costs arguments, including the appropriate use of the offer regimes, indemnity costs and the disapplication of the QOCS regime. Angela's experience at detailed assessment informs her tactical and strategic approach to recovery of costs.

Recent experience includes:

- Trials, the full range of interlocutory applications and appeals;
- Successfully defending a multiday trial on liability enabling settlement of a complex dispute on indemnity, extending to a number of connected claims;
- Applications for costs under CPR 44.15 and 44.16 wasted costs;
- Advising in relation to strike out and section 57 applications.

International Commercial Fraud

Angela has a special interest, and niche experience, in international commercial fraud work and compliance, having been part of a team of lawyers instructed to undertake internal investigations into alleged bribery and corruption in a number of international commercial companies, which extended into a number of countries. This investigation was run in connection / conjunction with a US led SEC investigation. She advises as to the enforceability of judgments, injunctive relief and other related issues.

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