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Sadie Crapper's practice concentrates on personal injury and clinical negligence and police law. She is ranked by the legal directories for both fraud (Chambers and Partners Band 1) and Personal Injury (Chambers and Partners Band 1, Legal 500 Tier 2).

Sadie won Personal Injury Junior of the Year at the Legal 500 Bar Awards 2024. She was nominated for the same award at the Chambers and Partners UK Bar Awards 2024.

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)

Professional Negligence

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Fraud

"Sadie is an excellent lawyer, a tough negotiator and a tenacious advocate in court. She is excellent in respect of fundamental dishonesty cases and high-value personal injury claims in general." Chambers and Partners (2023)

"She's a go-to in London for insurers and has a meticulous eye for detail." Chambers and Partners (2022)

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

- Chambers and Partners, UK Bar, 2025:
 - Personal Injury (Band 1) – *"She is a fighter and a ferocious litigator who is very knowledgeable and has a tremendous eye for detail." "She is very practical and solid, effective advocate." "Sadie assimilates vast amounts of information very quickly and is very nimble on her feet. She is extremely commercially minded and always looking at the bigger picture - a formidable opponent!"*
 - Motor Insurance Fraud (Band 1) – *"Sadie can assimilate vast amounts of information very quickly, and she is nimble on her feet." "Sadie is absolutely stellar in fundamental dishonesty claims. She has a lot of experience with the forensic evidence and in utilising this information in claims." "Sadie is highly experienced and is a good name in the business."*
- Legal 500, UK Bar, 2025:
 - Personal Injury (Tier 2) – *"Sadie is incredibly thorough and provides an incredible amount of support and guidance. She is a fierce advocate and negotiator."*
- Chambers and Partners, UK Bar, 2024:
 - Personal Injury – *"Her advocacy was phenomenal. She is very detailed in her approach and can calmly take a judge through all points." "The forensic level of detail in her analysis is impressive. She brings real value to a case." "She is very approachable and has a very good eye for detail. She could see the big picture and provided strategic input early on." "She is incredibly thorough and analytical, and a ferocious advocate. She sees the big issues very quickly." "Sadie is an exceptional advocate, examiner of witnesses and negotiator."*
 - Motor Insurance Fraud – *"Sadie is bright and she produces very good paperwork." "She is very approachable. She has a very good eye for detail and is thorough, robust and adaptable."*
- Chambers and Partners, UK Bar, 2023:
 - Personal Injury – *"Sadie is an incredibly thorough and robust advocate who brings intellectual rigour to all she does." "Everything about Sadie is excellent - her preparation, her advocacy and how she is with experts and clients." "Sadie provides robust, clear and sensible advice."*
 - Motor Insurance Fraud – *"Sadie is an excellent lawyer, a tough negotiator and a tenacious advocate in court. She is excellent in respect of fundamental dishonesty cases and high-value personal injury claims in general."*
- Chambers and Partners, UK Bar, 2022:
 - Personal Injury – *"Incredibly user-friendly and has great attention to detail." "She is someone you want to have on your side - she is forceful, pragmatic, detailed and very effective. She works collaboratively with instructing solicitors."*
 - Motor Insurance Fraud – *"A straightforward barrister who always analyses things carefully and is robust in court." "She's a go-to in London for insurers and has a meticulous eye for detail."*
- Chambers and Partners, UK Bar, 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, UK Bar, 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 and Partners, UK Bar, 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, UK Bar, 2020:

o Personal injury (Leading Junior, Tier 3) and Insurance fraud (leading junior) – '*Junior counsel of choice in difficult cases.*'

• Chambers and Partners, UK Bar, 2019:

o 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.*'

o 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, UK Bar, 2019:

o Insurance fraud – (Leading Junior, Tier 1) – '*Incisive, has an excellent and personal approach to clients.*'

o Personal injury – (Leading Junior, Tier 4) – '*She is a leading junior who is extremely good at cutting through the issues.*'

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