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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

Clinical Negligence

Angela is experienced in high value and complex clinical negligence cases, acting for both claimants and defendants.

Angela accepts instructions as junior counsel, but has handled cases pleaded over £1 million as sole counsel and is instructed in multiday high court actions. Angela has significant additional experience assisting leading counsel in multi-million pound actions.

Angela is meticulous when reviewing expert reports, and confidently conducts conferences together with multiple experts (and/or professional witnesses) across a range of medical disciplines. Angela's ability to assimilate, memorise, and communicate in clear terms complex medical information arises out of a

profound interest in the subject matter. She is rigorous when cross-examining or questioning experts and is an unflappable advocate.

Her experience includes a wide range of such cases. Examples of her most recent cases are as follows:

- Hip Replacement Litigation directly instructed by the NHSR (NHSLA) in relation to drafting pleadings and trial in related claims;
- Alleged negligent failure to detect DVT;
- Obstetrics negligence, including claims arising out of acquired brain or nerve damage:
- Complex urological, gynaecological and colorectal issues, often involving multiple overlapping injuries:
- A case concerning a severed ureter with widespread permanent consequences (settled at JSM)
- Urological injuries generally;
- Cases concerning alleged late diagnosis of anorectal cancers (on-going), serious bowel injuries requiring multiple corrective surgeries and stomas;
- Optometrist and opthalmologist negligence;
- A recent claim concerning injection of botox into a claimant's oesophagus, resulting in infection to his spinal cord (settled at JSM);
- Such claims often involve additional features of chronic pain, CRPS or suspected malingering.

An example of recent experience with expert handling includes:

- Conferences with experts before finalisation of their reports;
- Drafting agendas for expert meetings;
- Cross-examination of experts at trial.

In such cases, Angela has been instructed in multi-day trials in the High Court, the County Court, and regularly attends joint settlement meetings. She undertakes the full range of advisory and drafting work, including the use of Ogden tables and actuarial calculations as to future loss.

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