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Antonia Ford draws from over 20 years of experience as a lawyer, both as a solicitor and as a barrister. In her successful career as a solicitor, she was Head of Fraud at Clyde & Co and a partner within the Claims Validation Team at DAC Beachcroft before transferring to the Bar.

Antonia has a varied practice covering all aspects of civil litigation, with particular expertise in personal injury, credit hire and fraud.

Antonia is the Head of the Personal Injury Practice Group within Chambers and has extensive experience of RTAs, highway claims, employer's liability, occupier's liability, travel claims, product liability and clinical negligence. She regularly appears in the County Court and Coroner's Court and has acted in multi-track trials, fast track trials, small claims hearings, MOJ Stage 3 hearings, interlocutory applications and inquests. Antonia is also a qualified mediator.

Prior to joining the Bar, she contributed to a number of industry think tanks (including the Insurance Times Fraud Charter, the ABI, the Harmone Group and the Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH)). She was described as a 'class act' in the Legal 500.

She is a published author and her book 'A Practical Guide to the Pre-Action RTA Claims Protocol for Personal Injury Lawyers' is available on both the [publishers website](#) and from [Amazon](#). She has also had articles published on a wide range of legal topics.

## Personal Injury

Antonia acts in all types of personal injury claims for both Claimants and Defendants.

She has extensive experience in dealing with claims where fraud concerns have been raised including low speed, induced and staged road traffic accidents and fraudulent employers/public liability claims. Antonia has been able to use her knowledge of civil fraud to act for both Claimants and Defendants in cases where fundamental dishonesty has been alleged/intimated. Her understanding of intelligence data and surveillance is invaluable in understanding fraud strategy and evidence. She also has experience of civil sanctions such as contempt of court and tort of deceit following successful findings of fraud.

Her experience of road traffic accidents means that she has a wide knowledge of indemnity issues under the Road Traffic Act 1988 and the MIB agreements. She has also achieved success in credit hire claims for Claimants and Defendants, utilising both standard and novel arguments.

Antonia has also successfully acted for both Claimant and Defendants in a wide range of employment, public and occupiers liability claims. She has experience in harassment and occupational stress claims and has advised clients on complex claims involving Functional Neurological Disorders and noise induced hearing loss. She has used her training in mediation to represent clients at Joint Settlement Meetings and Judicial Mediations in high value claims.

She has advised insurers, manufacturers and restaurants in respect to claims involving both foreign bodies in food and food poisoning. She has advised in respect to professional negligence claims which result in personal injury and/or property damage. She also has experience of claims involving the Package Travel, Package Holiday and Package Tours Regulations 1992 and the Montreal Convention.

Antonia has extensive experience in drafting pleadings including defences, particulars of claim, requests for further information under CPR Part 18, schedules of special damages and applications. She has advised in conference in respect to quantum, liability and the content of witness evidence to maximise a party's chances of success.

She has used her knowledge of the pre-action protocols to pursue the strike out of subsequent claims for credit hire commenced after settlement of protocol claims and the debarment of medical evidence for failure to comply with the rules on disclosure.

## Clinical Negligence

Antonia has a developing practice handling claims involving allegations of clinical negligence. She has advised clients in the mishandling of maternity services and cases involving inadequate care following admission to hospital. Antonia has been able to draw on past experience as a solicitor where she previously handled a wide range of clinical negligence claims on behalf of Claimants including the mishandling of mental health issues, delays in treatment and retained foreign bodies post-surgery.

## Inquests & Inquiries

Antonia has acted for a range of interested parties in inquests including:

- The police in a suicide which occurred within proximity to a voluntary interview under caution;
- The family of a deceased in a two day inquest arising from an RTA involving complicated issues related to highway maintenance and design;
- Family members in respect to a potential suicide which involved the handling of mental health issues and the prescription of Seroxat.
- Acting for an NHS Trust in the death of a service user with a long history of mental health problems in which Human Rights concerns were raised by the deceased family.

## Sports Law

Antonia Ford has significant experience dealing with personal injury and negligence claims on behalf of high net worth individuals as both Claimants and Defendants. She has acted in a number of sports related injury claims including equine sports, cricket, motorsports and football. She has written articles and conducted training on sports related traumatic brain injuries.

## Commercial and Consumer Credit

Antonia has acted in a range commercial and consumer credit disputes including applications for injunctions, PPI and contractual disputes.

## Healthcare

Antonia has an established practice acting for healthcare providers and public bodies who are facing Coroner's inquests following the death of individuals under their care and/or control. She has represented Interested Parties, including nurses and doctors, in inquests which involve Care Homes, Adult Care Services and Prisons. She has provided submissions and advice on matters touching Human Rights, Prevention of Future Deaths and the risk of regulatory action following the Coroner's Verdict.

Antonia's background in biomedical science and as a solicitor in Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence provides a unique prospective on claims involving organisations delivering health, care and social services such as the NHS, Medical professionals and Care Homes.

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- Family members in respect to a potential suicide which involved the handling of mental health issues and the prescription of Seroxat.
- Acting for an NHS Trust in the death of a service user with a long history of mental health problems in which Human Rights concerns were raised by the deceased family.
- For a General Practitioner following a patient's death in a supported living premises where regulatory investigation against the residence was considered likely;
- For a Mental Health Nurse Practitioner within the prison service following a death in custody.

## Qualifications

- BTT, BPP
- LPC Westminster University
- CPE, Westminster University
- Bsc Genetics (2:1), Newcastle University