



PUMP COURT  
CHAMBERS

---

3 Pump Court, Temple, London, EC4Y 7AJ

T: 020 7353 0711  
F: 0845 259 3241  
DX: 362 London, Chancery Lane

31 Southgate Street, Winchester, SO23 9EB

T: 01962 868161  
F: 0845 259 3240  
DX: 2514 Winchester

5 Temple Chambers, Temple Street, Swindon, SN1 1SQ

T: 01793 539899  
F: 0845 259 3242  
DX: 38639 Swindon 2

# Contents

Qualifications ..... 2



## ANTONIA FORD

"A class act."

Legal 500

Call: 2017

For enquiries please call +44 (0)20 7353 0711 or email

Antonia Ford practised as a solicitor for 15 years and was Head of Fraud at Clyde & Co before transferring to the Bar. She is a specialist Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence practitioner.

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. 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 and has had articles published on the topic of insurance fraud.

Upon transferring to the Bar, Antonia is developing a practice covering all aspects of civil litigation, with particular expertise in personal injury, credit hire and fraud.

Antonia has experience of RTAs, highway claims, employer's liability, occupier's liability and product liability. She regularly appears in the County Court and has acted on fast track trials, small claims hearings, MOJ Stage 3 hearings and interlocutory applications.

She has successfully argued, both for and against, relief from sanction applications and has successfully persuaded a Court to exercise its discretion under s33 of the Limitations Act 1980.

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 was also invaluable in a high value exaggeration case.

Antonia also has experience of civil sanctions such as contempt of court and tort of deceit following successful findings of fraud and has advised clients on the operation of the Data Protection Act 1998 in connection with the sharing of data within fraud investigations.

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.

Antonia 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 attended site visits in respect to accidents at work.

#### Notable Cases:

- Smith & Heaps v Doncaster MBC – Successful defence of motor fraud claim which formed the basis of the IFB's first 'Crash for Cash' prosecution.
- Dawson v Hargreaves – BNP councillor accused of fraud. Defence involved arguments in respect to indemnity and collusion.
- X v Pizza Hut – 4.2 million pound claim involving arson/smoke dynamics, immigration, Novus Actus Interveniens and capacity.
- Sonographer Multi-Party Action – Defence of large NHS Trust against multi Claimant case for WRULD.
- Needle Stick Small Claims Project – Successfully argued that numerous needle stick claims failed to exceed the fast-track threshold for large Council.
- Successfully defended professional negligence claim against mechanic for the negligent service of a vehicle.

## Qualifications

- BTT, BPP (2016)
- CPE, Westminster University (1997)
- Bsc Genetics, Newcastle University (1996)