Elizabeth Murray

YEAR OF CALL 2005

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Insurance Fraud, Personal Injury



Insurance Fraud CV

Prior to commencing pupillage Elizabeth first became involved in handling fraudulent claims whilst working for HMRC, at that time specialising in Missing Trader Intra Community ('MTIC') VAT fraud. Elizabeth had responsibility for handling the appeal of Mobilx Limited, litigating the appeal through the First Tier Tax Tribunal, to the High Court and finally to the Court of Appeal - [2010] EWCA Civ 517. This remains the leading case on MTIC fraud.

In recent years she has represented both claimants and defendants in matters in which fraud is alleged, including phantom passenger claims and LVI.

Elizabeth has made successful applications for fundamental dishonesty pursuant to CPR 44.16(1) and s57 CJCA 2015 when acting on behalf of Defendants and their insurers.

In 2019 she secured an enforceable costs order of £27,000 for the MIB following discontinuance of a claim, using covert audio recordings obtained by the Defendant, in the subsequent fundamental dishonesty trial. This success has been repeated in further fast track matters where her cross examination has revealed fruitful grounds for the making of such applications, including remote hearings.

In the most recent period of 2021-2022 Elizabeth has obtained findings of fundamental dishonesty on 7 occasions. In one claim it was found as a fact that the Claimant was not involved in the road traffic collision.

In November 2022 she secured a finding of fundamental dishonesty pursuant to CPR 44.16(1) against Scott Timlin ('Scotty T'), reality TV star of Geordie Shore, and winner of Celebrity Big Brother. Reports and media coverage of this claim can be found HERE.

Quotes

Personal Injury: "Elizabeth is one of the most thorough advocates and she successfully argues very technical points, evidently showing her expertise in difficult areas of law. One cannot fault her ability to think quickly and practically, and also secure great results for clients; she is an impressive advocate."

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