

## FRANCESCA GARDNER

Year of call: 2004

Qualifications: LLB, BVC

Clerked by: Louise Barnes Luke Heywood

**AREAS OF EXPERTISE:**

Serious Injury Occupational Disease Pain Syndromes



### Profile

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Francesca joined Kings Chambers in the Autumn of 2005 upon successful completion of her pupillage in chambers. She initially enjoyed a very mixed practice encompassing both personal injury and chancery and commercial work, with a particular emphasis on contractual, consumer credit and sale of goods disputes. More recently she has focused on her personal injury work and has developed a successful industrial disease practice with particular expertise in NIHL cases. Her broad initial experience makes her an ideal candidate for dealing with any case with a mixed PI/contract focus.

Francesca has a wide experience of personal injury work, acting on behalf of both Claimants and Defendants in road traffic, fatal accident, Employer's Liability and Occupier's Liability cases with widely differing values and including allegations of fraud. Francesca has acted on her own in cases with valuations up to £500,000, dealing with both liability and quantum in written advice, in conference, at trial and on appeal. Francesca has a wide experience of dealing with fast track and multi-track matters, from interim applications through to trial.

She acts on a regular basis for a major supermarket in respect of both occupier's liability and employer's liability claims.

Francesca will act on a CFA basis.

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### Areas of Expertise

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#### Serious Injury

Francesca regularly undertakes advisory and advocacy work in all aspects of personal injury litigation, including RTAs, Fatal Accidents, Employer's and Public liability. She acts for Claimants and Defendants and has a wide experience in fast track and multi-track work, advising on paper and in conference and acting on a wide range of interlocutory matters, at trial and on appeal. Recent cases include matters pertaining to health and safety, fraud, the Occupier's Liability Act, the Highways Act and the Animal Act.

#### Occupational Disease

Francesca regularly undertakes advisory and advocacy work in a variety of industrial disease cases, including asbestos related conditions, NIHL, HAVS and dermatitis, with a particular expertise in noise induced deafness cases. She acts for Claimants and Defendants from pre-action and pleading stage, through to CCMCs, interlocutory applications and trial and has experience of expert conferences and cross examination in this area. Francesca is keen to widen her experience in industrial disease work in all areas.

#### Pain Syndromes

Francesca has experience of advising on liability and quantum, and appearing in interlocutory matters in respect of a variety of pain syndromes, including fibromyalgia and chronic and complex regional pain syndromes. This is an area of her practice which she is keen to develop further.

## Memberships

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PIBA

Northern Circuit

North Eastern Circuit

## Qualifications

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St John Fisher Roman Catholic High School and Sixth Form, 2000

Sheffield University, LLB 2:1, 2003

Nottingham Trent University, BVC, Very Competent, 2004

Pupillage at Kings Chambers 200

### Chambers UK 2021

"She is responsive and gets on top of papers early. She works in a collaborative way and is a pleasure to deal with." "She is kind, approachable and very reliable. She is very thorough and gets to the heart of the issue quickly. While she has a gentle manner with clients, she is a tenacious advocate and holds her own against very experienced juniors and silks." "She takes a confident and robust approach in court."

### Legal 500 2020

"A real tactician with excellent knowledge of the law."

