



Fraser Barnstaple

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Fraser is a member of the Costs and Litigation Funding team, having successfully completed pupillage under the supervision of Andrew Hogan, Kevin Latham and Erica Bedford. His practice spans the full spectrum of Costs and Litigation Funding to include advice, drafting and advocacy in respect of all inter-partes costs disputes and solicitor-client disputes.

In his time at the bar, Fraser has already been instructed in a number of high value costs cases including a number of multimillion-pound claims, and has built up a considerable and impressive level experience of the following types of hearings:

- Detailed assessments (in the SCCO and the County Court);
- Provisional assessment review hearings;
- Fixed costs determinations;
- Costs and Case Management Conferences ("CCMCs");
- Hearings involving the assessment of costs deductions from protected party's damages;
- A range of application hearings involving wasted costs, relief from sanctions, fixed costs challenges, the applicability of QOCS, expert/agency fees, and the setting aside of Default Costs Certificates etc; and
- Hearings in respect of solicitor-client disputes.

Fraser has a busy paperwork practice, and is regularly instructed to draft costs pleadings, which include Points of Dispute and Replies, advices and witness statements, and is well equipped to deal with advising in conference.

Fraser is currently seconded to work one day each week in the costs team of a major national law firm, advising on and drafting pleadings in relation to costs and litigation funding in high value clinical negligence and personal injury matters.

Prior to beginning his career at the Bar, Fraser worked for over two years as a Senior Underwriter in the ATE legal expenses insurance and litigation funding industry. He remains a member of the Chartered Insurance Institute, having obtained a Level 3 Certificate in Insurance (CII) qualification in August 2024 and therefore is well positioned to deal with matters which straddle an insurance and litigation funding crossover.

Expertise

Costs & Litigation Funding

Commercial Litigation

Fraser's commercial practice focuses on solicitor-client disputes. Fraser has experience acting for both solicitors in dealing with claims made to recover unpaid debt and for individuals defending claims brought by their former solicitor.

Memberships

- Association of Costs Lawyers
- Personal Injury Bar Association
- Chartered Insurance Institute
- The Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn

Qualifications

- University of Leicester, Law LLB, 2021, 1st Class Hons
- University College London, LLM Laws, 2022, Merit
- City, University of London, Bar Vocational Studies, 2024, Distinction
- Certificate in Insurance (Cert II Level 3), 2024