

## Pascale Hicks

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### Education

Ormskirk Grammar School  
King George V College  
University of Liverpool - LLB in English and French Laws and French  
Universite de Bordeaux Montesquieu - Licence en Droit

### Professional Associations

Personal Injury Bar Association  
Member of the Northern Circuit

### Areas of Specialism

Personal Injury

Civil and Insurance Fraud

Common Law

Travel

Motor Claims

Employer's Liability and Public Liability

Pascale specialises in Personal Injury cases.

### Catastrophic and Large Loss Claims

Pascale has represented many clients in catastrophic and large loss personal injury cases exceeding £1,000,000 in value. She is experienced in joint settlement meetings and negotiations.

Her current caseload includes the liability and quantum aspects of head injuries and serious spinal and orthopaedic injury cases, psychiatric injuries, pain management / chronic pain cases and fatal claims.

She is often involved at an early stage to review the evidence and advise on the best tactical approach to lead the case to a successful resolution be that a finding of fundamental dishonesty, discontinuance, or settlement well below the pleaded value.

Pascale principally acts on behalf of defendants and their insurers, especially in cases involving fundamental dishonesty and catastrophic injuries.

She also appears on behalf of claimants and is happy to consider work on a CFA basis.

### Liability and Dishonesty Trials

Pascale is a trial lawyer with over 23 years experience and regularly defeats liability claims at trial, where astute cross examination and technical legal submissions demonstrate her quality and expertise.

She is highly-regarded for dealing with high-value cases in which allegations of fundamental dishonesty are to be made. This often involves the interplay of complex medical evidence, surveillance and other investigative techniques.

She has secured findings of fundamental dishonesty and has provided training to solicitors and insurers.

### **M v K (2024)**

#### **Practice Area:**

Instructed by the Defendant insurer in a quantum claim pleaded in excess of £4.35m involving 6 expert medical disciplines from psychiatry through to nephrology and cardiology. Issues on medical causation and disclosure. Settled at JSM for a quarter of the value.

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### **J v F (2024)**

#### **Practice Area:**

Instructed by the Defendant insurer in a multi track quantum trial claim pleaded in excess of £400,000. Involving issues on medical causation, disclosure and fundamental dishonesty. Resulted in a dismissal of the claim and a finding of fundamental dishonesty with indemnity costs.

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### **W v J (2024)**

#### **Practice Area:**

Instructed by the Defendant in a claim pleaded in excess of £750,000. Settlement secured at JSM at 40% of the pleaded value.

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### **B v L, H (2024)**

#### **Practice Area:**

Instructed by the Second Defendant in a liability and quantum multi track trial following a significant accident on the highway. Advised from the service of the proceedings through to trial as to the tactics and prospects of Defence. Secured the dismissal of the claim and successfully argued for a Sanderson cost order against the unsuccessful First Defendant.

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### **E v F (2024)**

#### **Practice Area:**

Instructed by the Defendant insurer for a liability admitted motor claim from the outset. Advised on tactics and evidence. Disclosure revealed evidence of dishonesty and exaggeration – amended defence was settled resulting in a discontinuance of claim. Instructed to pursue a finding of fundamental dishonesty. Following the trial, the Judge made a finding of fundamental dishonesty with indemnity costs.

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### **P v E (2023)**

#### **Practice Area:**

Instructed by the Defendant in a claim pleaded in excess of £2,100,000 following an accident at work involving machinery. Settlement secured at JSM at a third of the pleaded value. Issues on care and OT.

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### **C v M (2023)**

#### **Practice Area:**

Instructed by the Defendant in a multi track liability and quantum trial claim pleaded in excess of £200,000. Involving issues on medical causation, disclosure, exaggeration and fundamental dishonesty. The Claimant received less than 10% of claim and a significant reduction in costs. Insured very happy, resulting in a very happy insurer.

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### **H v I (2023)**

#### **Practice Area:**

Instructed by the Defendant in a multi track pain management quantum claim pleaded in excess of £600,000. Involving issues on medical causation and contested applications on late disclosure of surveillance evidence. Settled at JSM for a third of the pleaded value claim.

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