



# Gemma Ralph

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## Overview

Gemma enjoys a varied civil practice, spanning Personal Injury, Clinical Negligence, Public and Regulatory and Commercial law. She has a busy advocacy and advisory practice, representing Claimants and Defendants.

Before coming to the Bar, Gemma spent ten years as a British Diplomat, serving both overseas and as the Legal Researcher in the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO).

Gemma also spent two years working as the Business Manager to the CEO of Coutts Bank. Given her background, Gemma has a particular interest in claims with an international dimension and is happy to travel on instruction. Gemma speaks Spanish.

## Fraudulent insurance claims

Gemma represents Claimants and Defendants at trials involving allegations of fraud and fundamental dishonesty. She is thorough and robust in cross examination.

### Examples of recent cases include:

- **M v L** - Represented Claimant. Secured award for whiplash. Successfully defended against a finding of fundamental dishonesty, the pleading of which was based on social media intelligence of extreme sports during prognosis period.
- **L v C** - Represented Defendant. Secured finding of fundamental dishonesty and an enforceable costs order against a professional person.
- **R v A** - Represented Defendant. Successfully defended a £20,000.00 claim for tinnitus.
- **C&C v K** - Represented Defendant. Following trial, successfully applied to re-allocate multi-track case of multiple Claimants to the fast-track, significantly limiting costs.

## Academic qualifications

- MA (Oxon) Jurisprudence (Law), University of Oxford
- BPTC The University of Law

## Scholarships

- Astbury Scholar, Major Award, Middle Temple

- Winner, Middle Temple Young Barristers Association Moot (2017)

## **Professional bodies**

- Personal Injury Bar Association
- The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple