

## Ruth Gray

Ruth is an experienced civil practitioner specialising in the areas of personal injury, Court of Protection, and credit hire. She has a busy court practice, is always exceptionally well prepared and is noted for her attention to detail, practical approach and effective advocacy. Ruth is extremely approachable and is regarded by many of her instructing solicitors as an extension of their own team. She provides for the needs of her clients in a proactive and cost-effective manner.



### Personal Injury

Ruth has a wealth of experience in personal injury litigation and is instructed by both claimants and defendants (RTA/EL/PL). She is instructed in Fast Track and Multi Track proceedings, Costs and Case Management Conferences, interlocutory hearings, and disposal hearings. She accepts instructions in cases ranging from a relatively modest value, to claims of significant complexity involving injuries of the maximum severity.

A significant area of Ruth's personal injury practice involves claims arising out of road traffic accidents. She is highly experienced and practices nationwide in cases involving Low Velocity Impact, the Motor Insurance Bureau, staged and induced accidents, bogus passengers and phantom witnesses and exaggerated personal injury and damage.

*"A very knowledgeable and skilful barrister who is always happy to take on trying cases and works effectively for the best outcome for clients. She has a good manner with both clients and those instructing and is sensible and pragmatic in her outlook. I would certainly not hesitate to instruct her for any case in the knowledge that it would be in good hands."* Instructing solicitor testimonial 2021.

### YEAR OF CALL

2000

### AREAS OF PRACTICE

CIVIL

Court of Protection &  
Mental Health  
Credit Hire  
Motor Insurance Fraud  
Personal Injury

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### Court of Protection

Ruth has a developing practice in the Court of Protection, dealing with Health and Welfare. She receives instructions on behalf of the Official Solicitor, local authorities and from family members of P.

### Credit Hire

*“Ruth is a highly analytical and proactive lawyer. She will not only consider the legal position but the potential cost implications and provide practical advice accordingly. We regularly instruct Ruth for her effective advocacy and technical expertise.”* Professional client testimonial 2021.

She is highly regarded as one of circuit's top credit hire specialists and brings 20 years of experience to her practice dealing with claims at all levels of value. She is first choice for many clients, particularly when it comes to more complex cases and especially for appeals, multi-track and fast track cases and applications.

She is regularly instructed to advise on specific, individual cases and is approachable and adaptable in terms of the client's preferred method of obtaining advice. She is a strong negotiator, with a sensible and practical approach and objectively assesses the litigation risks and prospects of success of each case. She is extremely well versed in all the major appellate authorities.

Ruth is also equipped and experienced in providing more general advice to professional clients, credit hire organisations and insurers as to the wider implications of undertaking a particular strategy or step in their approach to credit hire litigation.

## NOTABLE CASES

### Morris v MCE Insurance (2018 Leeds County Court – HHJ Gosnell)

Acting for the Appellant – Held on appeal that, a) a Claimant is bound by their signature to a credit hire agreement, b) *Irving v Morgan Sindall* (contingent liabilities) applies and c) that even if a credit hire agreement was somehow unenforceable, *Bee v Jenson* (the recovery of credit hire charges as a measure of general damages) would apply.

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### Memberships

North Eastern Circuit

Personal Injuries Bar Association (PIBA)

Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn

### Other interests

Ruth has a particular interest in the development and application of civil procedure and is adept in identifying and advising on procedural and tactical issues in litigation.