

# Miss Deborah Tompkinson MA (Oxon); LLM (Commercial) UCL; ACII

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

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*"Once again counsel outshone themselves last week. I am incredibly grateful to have such excellent counsel on my team here at Harding Evans... [Deborah] rolls with the punches and shares the risk... [she] went beyond the call of duty for me last Friday where she must have still been hugely jet lagged from her return flight from NZ".*

Dominic Kelly ,Harding Evans

### General Information:

After pupillage Deborah worked as claims manager for a Lloyd's Syndicate; in-house counsel for a run-off company; and for many years as a solicitor specializing in insurance and re-insurance disputes.

A former purchaser of legal services, she understands the demands driving business decisions and the disruption of human and financial resources entailed in litigation.

Wherever possible she will seek a swift and commercially practical solution, using the most appropriate approach for the circumstances. She takes a proactive approach and will seek to engage both lay and professional clients in the process.

Whilst Deborah accepts instructions for most areas of common law, her interests lie with the following key areas:

- Personal Injury
- Contract disputes (including Agency and Consumer Credit)
- Fraud - Deborah has written the sections on [Part 18 Questions](#) and [Witness Statements](#) for the Chambers Fraud Manual
- Negligence
- Insurance & Reinsurance

Recent work includes:

- Litigation arising out of a withdrawn orthopaedic hip.
- A series of cases where guarantees were alleged to have been forged.
- A Critical Illness Insurance policy where the insurer refused to accept the insured was disabled
- A Permanent Total Disablement Insurance policy where the dispute was whether the accident disabled the insured from doing any work, including housework.
- An assault by Police occasioning injury.
- Advice on issues arising from Ombudsman's references.

Deborah has a real passion for advocacy so she decided to return to the Bar in 2001. She is an advocacy trainer for the Middle Temple. She travels widely and is happy attending any court centre, subject to professional commitments.

On a personal note, Deborah is married and divides her time between the City of London & Berkshire. She enjoys theatre, opera, skiing, role-playing and setting a bad example to her god-children. Deborah is confident, has a wealth of experience and always happy to discuss potential new instructions on the phone or by email. Deborah can be contacted at any time on 0845 083 3000 or by email using [tompkinson@clerksroom.com](mailto:tompkinson@clerksroom.com)

Please see link for [Personal Injury Updates](#) from Deborah and Robin de Wilde QC.