Alice Dobbie

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Appointments

Attorney General's B Panel

Recorder (2019)

Member of the Independent Decision-Making Body of the Bar Standards Board, 2021-4.

Education

- Oxford University (MA, Classics)

Civil Fraud

Alice is most commonly instructed by Defendants in complex cases where fraud is suspected. These range from uncrystallised concerns about exaggeration through to cases where fraud is explicitly pleaded in the defence and applications for committal are made. Her usual caseload has claims involving alleged holiday illness, staged accidents, phantom passengers, exaggeration, low velocity impact and committal applications.

She provides CPD training to major insurers and solicitors' firms on how to manage suspected fraud from inception through to pleadings, applications, litigation tactics and trial. Where grounds for fraud allegations emerge late, she is often instructed to re-draft defences or to advise on the appropriate applications to make in response. Her extensive case experience includes instances where fraud allegations attached to solicitors and experts as well as claimants.

Civil Fraud Cases

F v An NHS Trust (2024), High Court: acted for the Defendant where fraud was alleged and covert surveillance evidence had been obtained. Settled at Joint Settlement Meeting for £135,000, less than 10% of the claimed amount.

A v An NHS Trust (2024), High Court: acted for the Defendant where the Claimant had failed to pass the embedded anti-fraud effort tests in the neuropsychological assessments and had refused to cooperate with the Defendant's experts. Claimant sought £1m, but settled at Joint Settlement Meeting for £160,000.

F v An NHS Trust (2024): acted for the Defendant where the Claimant suffered a traumatic brain injury and nearly died, but was later said to be feigning ongoing seizures. Collateral issues included the validity of a diagnosis of a Functional Neurological Disorder and the overlap between neurological and psychiatric diagnoses. Claimant sought £1m, but settled at Joint Settlement Meeting for £180,000.

D v Kone, Deutsche Bank and the Financial Conduct Authority (2023), High Court: acted for the Defendant where medical opinion was divided over whether C was consciously or unconsciously exaggerating.

Recommendations

“Alice can analyse the strengths and weaknesses of a case and build a strategy around this. She is a strong trial barrister who thinks on her feet, puts witnesses at ease, and her cross examination is immaculately thought out to ensure the strongest possible case is put forward.”
The Legal 500, 2026

“Alice takes a very careful and thorough approach to the review of papers and analysis of the issues, and her advice is clear and decisive. She is also an excellent negotiator.”
Chambers and Partners 2026

“Alice is extremely knowledgeable, she has a confident presence but is approachable, and she gains an in-depth understanding of the matter she is instructed on and is willing to discuss matters and answer any questions.”
The Legal 500, 2025

“Alice Dobbie is exceptional at drafting pleadings and summarising complex issues in a simple, easy-to-understand way. She is also willing to go the extra mile when working on our cases.”

“She is excellent in all areas.”
Chambers and Partners 2025

“Alice is extremely focused and organised with fantastic attention to detail. She really focuses her mind on the case she is working on and compiles sound and robust advice, and she is particularly good when considering fundamental dishonesty and has strategic ways of investigating and combatting such issues.”
The Legal 500, 2024

“Consistently brilliant. Gifted at cutting straight to the issues and has excellent instincts.”

“Her pleadings are second to none and she is engaging on her feet.”

“Beautifully explained opinions.”
The Legal 500, 2023

“Not afraid to pull apart any concern within a pleaded claim.”

“Quick to get her message clearly across to the judge.”
The Legal 500, 2022