



Name

Melanie Foo

Year of Call

2014

Areas of Law

Civil Law, Personal Injury, Clinical Negligence, Police Law, Family Law, Family Law Act Proceedings

Overview

Melanie became a member of Chambers in 2021 following successful completion of pupillage under the supervision of James Cullen. Since then, she has built a busy multi-disciplinary practice across Chambers' core areas of civil and family law, balancing court-based advocacy with a strong paper practice.

Before coming to the Bar, Melanie worked as an employed advocate and Costs Lawyer for leading national law firms, representing both Claimants and Defendants in cases involving costs, personal injury, and regulatory law. She also gained significant experience prosecuting cases of serious professional misconduct for the Teaching Regulation Agency, covering allegations of fraud, sexual misconduct, and non-accidental injury of children.

Education

- 2:1, Law (LLB Hons), Liverpool University (2012) 'Very Competent'
- Bar Professional Training Course, Manchester Metropolitan University (2014)
- FLBA Vulnerable Witness training (2024)
- Costs Lawyer, Association of Costs Lawyers (2018)



Further Information

The majority of Mark's work is in road traffic litigation, including credit hire, low velocity impact, late notification, and fraudulent claims. He has an impressive success rate in defending such claims at trial, including securing findings of fundamental dishonesty on behalf of insurers.

Alongside road traffic cases, Mark also handles employers' liability, public liability, and highway authority claims. He is recognised as an expert in quantum disputes, costs arguments, and procedural issues arising from the RTA and EL/PL Protocols. He provides seminars and training to solicitors and claims handlers on substantive and procedural personal injury law.

In addition to advocacy, Mark undertakes advisory and drafting work across all areas of personal injury litigation, with paperwork typically turned around within 14 days or sooner if required.

Beyond personal injury, Mark has experience in costs hearings, anti-social behaviour injunctions, committal proceedings, and commercial matters such as contractual disputes, sale of goods, debt recovery, possession, and insolvency proceedings. His judicial roles have further broadened his expertise across these areas.