

IRLA Breakfast Briefing

Tuesday 13 October 2026, 09:00 to 10:15

Doug Cooper, Dean's Court Chambers

Prior to being called to the Bar in 2004, he worked for many years in the insurance industry, for Royal Insurance (now RSA), for NEM/AGF (now Allianz) and for the Iron Trades (now Chester Street Insurance Holdings and QBE) where he became the Regional Claims Manager. Most of this time was spent dealing with Employers' and Public Liability cases, in latter years predominantly disease claims. This has remained the case whilst at the Bar.

His work is **exclusively** for Defendants, insurers, large corporate clients, public authorities or funds.

The vast majority of his work concerns occupational disease claims, predominantly in respect of medical causation. The vast majority of his work is multi track work given the complexity of the issues, often involving in-depth knowledge of medical research and epidemiology underpinning such issues.

For the last few years, issues regarding de minimis in disease and fundamental dishonesty have been a large part of Doug's practice. Limitation remains a significant issue in addition.

A significant part of Doug's practice also involves issues of misconduct on the part of Claimant's solicitors.

Clinical Negligence is a growing area of Doug's practice. Doug also handles Product Liability claims and is regularly instructed by manufacturers of allegedly defective products.

[Doug Cooper](#)

Clare Davis, Clyde & Co

Clare joined Clyde & Co in 2014 specialising in Casualty fraud. With over 13 years' experience in this area the work ranges from defending individual policyholders to large corporate entities. Clare leads the Casualty fraud team setting market strategy particularly in relation to Know your Opponent. Clare is an experienced litigator who adopts robust strategies to achieve significant results and savings for clients.

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