

Hannah Griffin

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Hannah is a Fellow of the ICAEW, an accredited expert for The Academy of Experts and has specialised in litigation support services since 2005. She has a BSc (Hons) degree from the University of Sheffield and qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 2003.

Hannah began her forensic career with Grant Thornton and has worked on claims ranging from £100,000 to £100 million. Hannah joined Hazlewoods in 2021 following 10 years with EY leading its Compulsory Purchase and Business Disturbance team.

Hannah is experienced in assessing losses arising from:

- Commercial and contractual disputes;
- Business interruption and disturbance;
- Professional negligence; and
- Shareholder disputes.

Hannah is regularly instructed to undertake contentious business valuations and co-authored 'Company Valuation, The Experts' View' published by Resolution.

Hannah has acted in arbitrations, litigation, mediation, expert determination and negotiated settlements.

In her spare time Hannah enjoys horse riding, running and skiing as well as cooking for family and friends.



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"It was a pleasure working with Hannah within a tight timescale and difficult circumstances."

Instructing solicitor on a loss of profit claim

"...QC and ... [claimant] are very impressed with your draft report."

Instructing solicitor on a professional negligence matter

"Many thanks for your draft report which was excellent."

Instructing surveyor on a CPO matter

"I have no hesitation in recommending [Hannah] and nominating her whenever called upon to suggest an SJE valuer... She did this promptly, incisively and in a user friendly manner."

Instructing solicitor in matrimonial proceedings

"The report was comprehensive. Both I and the lay client were impressed with the way in which the report was set out... Hannah was professional in all of her communications, I would definitely instruct her again."

Helen Bowns, Partner & Head of Family Law, Shakespeare Martineau

Case experience

Acting as a single joint expert in respect of an unfair prejudice claim. Hannah was required to value the company and shares at two valuation dates and to provide a Part 35 expert report. The performance of the company had varied considerably in recent years with differing views taken by the parties on the impact of COVID-19 and allegations of unfair prejudice behaviour.

Acting as a party expert for the Claimants in a commercial case to quantify the losses arising from the alleged diversion of sales by an employee. Hannah was required to assess the lost profits sustained by the Claimant on the basis the Defendant accepted the sales had been diverted. Her findings were presented in a Part 35 expert report and the case settled pretrial.

Acting as a single joint expert in matrimonial proceedings to value several business interests including a newly created joint venture. Assessment of liquidity and sustainable income.

Acting as a single joint expert in divorce proceedings to value two companies (and shares) and a partnership at two valuation dates. Consideration of sustainable income and liquidity and tax liabilities which would arise on disposals / dissolution. Hannah prepared a Part 25 expert report and responded to questions on the expert report.

Acting as a single joint expert in matrimonial proceedings to value a property investment company and to consider options for a minority shareholding in the family business to be realised along with the tax implications.

Advising an automotive business in respect of a claim against its solicitors for professional negligence. The negligence is alleged to have resulted in the failure of the claimant to secure a franchised motor dealership. The work included valuing the lost business opportunity.

Acting on behalf of a public entity to quantify the disturbance losses associated with the extinguishment of a fast food drive-thru franchise in the North West. Losses were assessed by reference to value to owner and included preparing market valuations and considering the extent of mitigation.

Acting on behalf of a pub chain to value the disturbance losses associated with the extinguishment of its operations as a result of a city centre development. Work included business valuations, loss of profit claim, meeting of experts and conference with Counsel.

Acting on behalf of a Respondent in an unfair prejudice matter. The work included preparing fair value valuations of several businesses, in the health and care sector, at two valuation dates, as well as valuations of minority shareholdings with, and without, a minority discount. In addition to the valuations, Hannah provided support to the instructing solicitors on strategy and approach to be taken at mediation.

Acting in a divorce case to determine the level of future maintainable earnings of the spouse and the use of the director's loan account.

Advising in a divorce case to consider the settlement offer received by the client in light of significant transactions in a company's shares and limited financial disclosure.

Advising a landlord on the rent review clauses in a draft rental agreement, including advice on the rent review mechanism in the draft rental agreement and the process envisaged in the contract to determine the reviewed rent should the parties not agree.

Acting on behalf of an insurer to quantify trading losses sustained by a business, in the travel and tourism sector, which was damaged following an explosion.

Acting on behalf of a US SEC listed business in respect of a potential acquisition of a business with operations in the UK. Hannah led the UK team which performed reviews of the target company's key contracts to enable an assessment of the financial performance of the contracts and the contracting compliance environment.

Acting in an international arbitration in relation to a contractor's recoverable costs association with the completion of an infrastructure project in the Far East. Work included testing the cost claims and considering potential for inappropriate cost inflation or manipulation.

Advising a land developer with negotiating a forward-looking disturbance agreement with a retailer. The disturbance agreement sought to compensate the retailer for any disruption to normal trading resulting from the future development of a retail park in London, representing a proportion of lost profits (baselined against normalised profits pre-development), paid in arrears and subject to audit.

Acting as a single joint expert in divorce proceedings to value a diversified farming partnership, including consideration of off balance sheet assets and liabilities. Assessment of tax implications arising from the sale of partnership assets.

Valuation of a trading company in the logistics sector on behalf of the Respondent in matrimonial proceedings.

Valuation of shares in a trading company on behalf of several minority shareholders having regard to the impact of several unfair prejudice allegations.

Acting as a single joint expert in divorce proceedings to value a farming business comprising arable, pastureland and a beef suckling herd. Consideration of the capital gains tax payable on disposal of various properties and an assessment of sustainable income and liquidity.

Acting on behalf of several minority shareholders to value the shares in a private trading company within the health and care sector for negotiation purposes to facilitate an exit.

Appointment as a shadow expert on behalf of a Respondent in divorce proceedings to comment on certain elements of a SJE valuation report and to provide a list of further information required in respect of various shareholdings in unlisted businesses.

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