

Your Expert Witness

Getting the most from your expert in the post-Jackson climate

About this Research

Assessing the reforms and informing the future

This research has been undertaken in order to better inform the Civil Litigation community as to how best to work together in this more challenging climate. Five years on from the Jackson reforms, Edward Drummond & Co were keen to assess the successes and potential pitfalls of the reforms as they relate to the involvement of Expert Witnesses in Personal Injury, Clinical Negligence and Employment disputes.

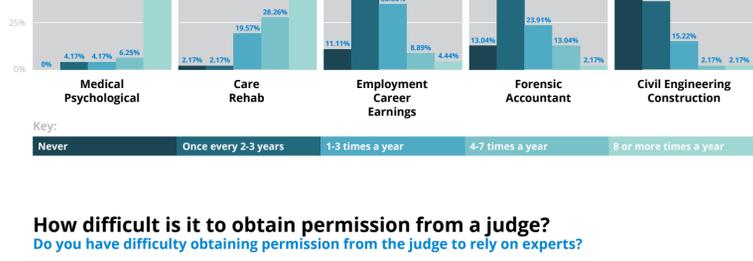
Expert Evidence from Edward Drummond

As expert witnesses, we support Personal Injury, Clinical Negligence and Employment solicitors along with Insurers, Claimants and Defendants to resolve high-value loss of earnings cases, using specialist research methods to produce insightful, current and accurate evidence and data, specific to each individual claim.

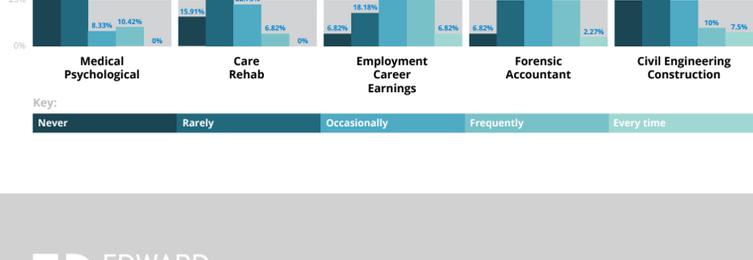
Survey Information

This survey included responses from Claimant and Defendant Personal Injury, Clinical/Medical Negligence and Employment lawyers at Solicitor, Associate, Senior Associate, Partner and Senior Partner level. The respondents were from Silver Circle, Top 20, Other City, Niche City, National, Regional and Local firms.

How frequently do companies require the following types of expert witness?



How difficult is it to obtain permission from a judge? Do you have difficulty obtaining permission from the judge to rely on experts?



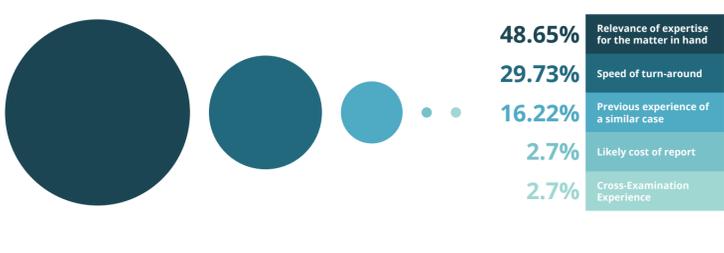
It is interesting to see that many experience considerably more difficulty in obtaining permission to rely upon an employment/career/earnings expert than they do for a medical/psychological and care/rehab expert. Loss of earnings frequently constitutes a sizeable proportion of the claim and yet it would seem that many judges do not see as much of a need for expertise in this field.

"I am often instructed very late in the proceedings and yet my evidence enables settlements to be reached relatively quickly. Perhaps if more employment experts were allowed to be instructed earlier in the process, overall costs could be reduced by enabling a settlement to be reached much earlier."



Dan Watts
Accredited Expert
Founder & Managing Partner

How lawyers are looking for experts?



Reasons for selecting an expert



94% Indicated that once an expert had been selected and instructed, meeting prescribed deadlines was most crucial

Which fee structure is preferred?



Daniel Watts

Accredited Expert
Founder & Managing Partner



Expert Profile

Having originally trained as an Accountant in the City and in Bristol, Daniel has worked in the Executive Search field since April 1994. He is an experienced Executive Search Director with a track record in Board/Senior Management appointments and Partner lateral hires with a wide range of regional, national and international law firms, SME businesses and Corporates.

Daniel is a Chartered Expert with Sweet & Maxwell, a Trade & Industry Member of FOIL and an APIL Tier 1 Expert. As such he has worked as an Expert Witness for Loss of Earnings and Loss of Opportunity/Chance claims. Daniel works with Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence (both Claimant and Defendant) Solicitors on claims where specialist career and remuneration insight is required.

This insight draws upon 22 years experience of managing UK and International Board/ Partner level search campaigns for a wide range of small, medium and large organisations. A Co-Founder of Edward Drummond & Co, today Daniel is Managing Partner of the company with oversight for all research activities across the Search and Consulting arms of the business. This gives Daniel deep and unique insight into a broad spectrum of career paths and associated remuneration structures across a breadth of industries and professional services sectors.

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