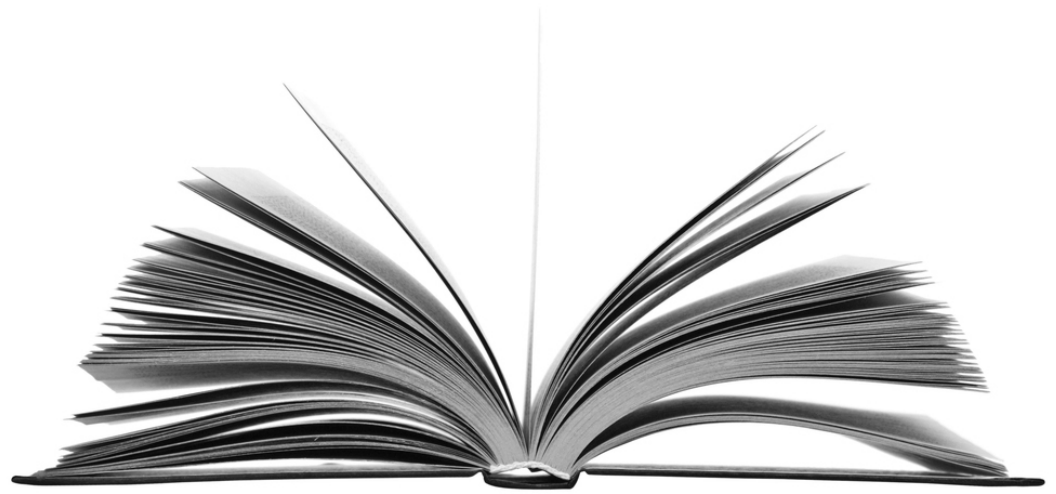




Defendant Personal Injury Work



Expert Witness Work

At Forths, all of our signatory Experts are aware of their obligations under Part 35 of the CPR and are fully conversant with the preparation of Expert reports in the context of a range of different legal proceedings.

Our Experts at Forths are, by design, not members of any of the proliferation of Expert Witness organisations that abound. We feel that expertise is borne out of experience, rather than a kitemark.

In the context of Claimant / Joint cases, upon receipt of your instructions we would involve ourselves in the discovery process from the very start, as we do not believe in the traditional “dog leg” approach to this process between instructing solicitor, Claimant and ourselves, feeling that such an approach inevitably leads to spiralling costs and also often frustration on the part of the Claimant.

It is also the case that by liaising direct with the Claimant we can get a better understanding of the issues in a case and the nuances involved which lead to a quicker resolution of queries and accordingly a quicker delivery of the Expert report.

In the context of Defendant cases, we recognise that in most situations our instructing party wish us to liaise with themselves, however, we would of course be willing to liaise direct with the Claimant (their representatives) if required.

After the issue of their report our Experts are all fully conversant with the subsequent parts of the Expert related legal process i.e. answering Part 35 questions, preparation and attendance at conferences with Counsel, preparation and attendance at Expert Witness meetings, preparation of Joint Statements and attendance at Court.



Agency Work

It is the case that, in most instances, the preparation and issue of a CPR compliant Expert report is only relevant in one of the following three situations:

- a. When the Court has stated that such evidence is required.
- b. In the absence of Court direction, when the parties have agreed between themselves that either a single joint accountancy Expert is required or, alternatively, that each side requires their own accountancy Expert given the nature of the case.
- c. Where one party unilaterally decides that, regardless of the Court or the other side's decision, the nature of the dispute is such that they require their own formal accountancy evidence to properly present the case, or indeed if their ultimate client insists that this is the case.

If the dispute does not fall into any of those categories then we can undertake work, on an agency basis, effectively as an outsourced specialist quantum department.

We refer to this as our "White Label" service.

Since our introduction of this service type we have seen a substantial take up in its utilisation by our solicitor clients.



Letters of Advice

At Forths we recognise that, in certain disputes, a fully CPR compliant Expert Witness report, or indeed a substantial agency document, may not be required because of the size of the case, but our clients may require accountancy assistance because of the nature of the case.

At Forths we aim to be able to provide a full service to our clients, whether the dispute is large or small, as the ethos of our business has always been the development of relationships with our clients on a long term basis.

We consider that if we are only providing our clients with a service on their largest cases then how can we possibly aim to achieve this objective?

In a letter of advice we aim to present the merits of any particular case (or indeed the potential pitfalls) in an abridged format to assist you in heading in the right direction with regards to quantum matters.

In addition, where possible, based on the initial information provided, we can give our initial assessments of quantum to assist you in the advice that you can give to your clients. In this way you can provide your clients with best advice on quantum aspects of cases and assist your own decision making as to whether a fully comprehensive CPR compliant Expert Witness report would ultimately be required.

Our clients often request that we use letters of advice for assessing quantum on relatively low value cases in order to minimise costs.



Delegated Authority Claims Management Services

At Forths, we have a number of contracts with Insurance Companies / Providers to undertake technical claims consultancy work, on a volume basis, on their Personal Injury files.

Whilst we also undertake Expert Witness work for them on their larger catastrophic cases, the main thrust of our involvement, on a volume basis, is on their much smaller cases which are outsourced to ourselves (often under a Delegated Authority scheme) for us to investigate / negotiate settlement on the loss of earnings / loss of profits aspects of files presented by Claimant solicitors.

This is a service very different to our normal Forensic Accountancy work, in that the ultimate aim is to settle cases at a fair level for all concerned without the requirement to prepare large CPR compliant documents for the Courts and indeed, we only report back to our Insurance clients in the event that we are unable to obtain a satisfactory settlement based on the documentary evidence presented supporting a particular claim.

By utilising our service in this regard, our Insurance clients have been able to make substantial savings in excess of what their

own file handlers would have managed on such cases, which has led to significant and ongoing substantial reductions in claim costs across their operations.

Our bespoke case management system, and specifically tailored staffing structure (within our technical claims consultancy subdivision) allow us to handle a considerable number of outsourced cases on an annual basis.

The regular Management Information (MI) that we are able to provide our suppliers of work enables them to use the work that we undertake for them not only in reducing costs directly but also in educating their own file handlers and targeting fraud.

In the event that you are interested in this service then we can, of course, provide anonymised data showing the levels of savings that we have made over the years and can discuss with you in detail how the scheme can be introduced.

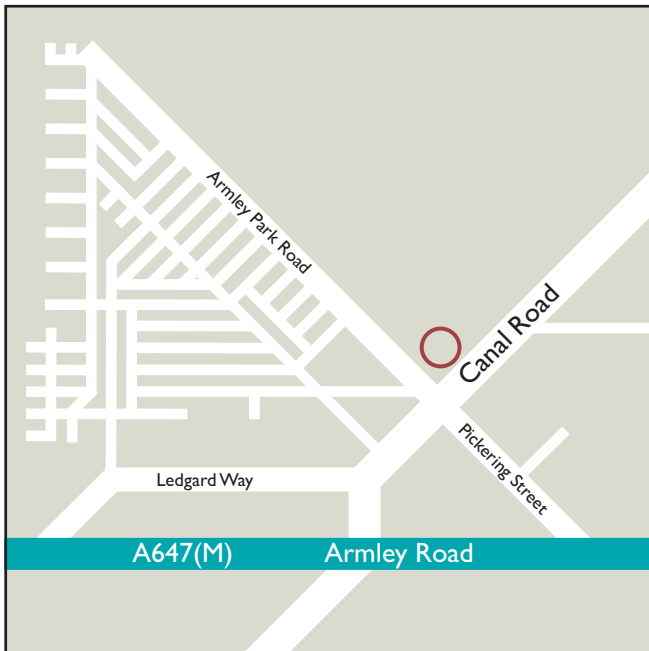
We would be delighted to hear from you with any queries you may have on the work that we undertake in our business or indeed potential instructions and will correspond with you however you see fit.

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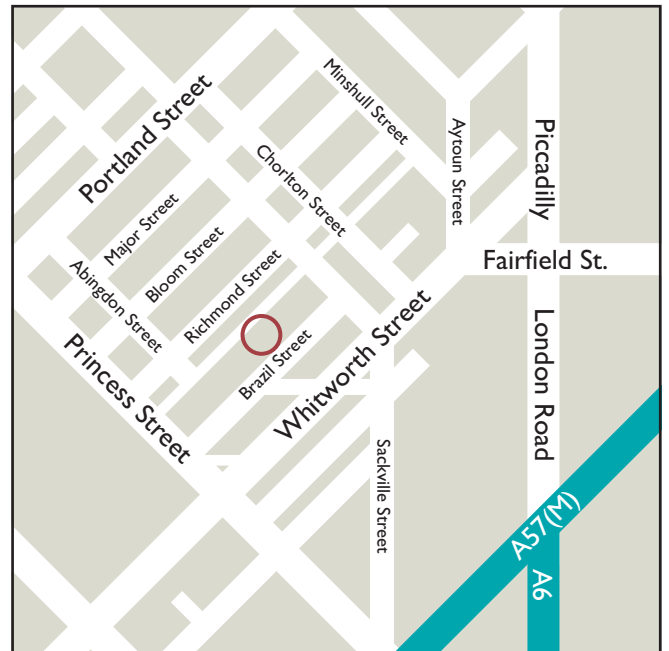


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