

## GAIL RIFKIND BA CA MAE

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#### **Qualifications and accreditation**

1984 - 1994	Deloitte, Chartered Accountants
1994 – 2004	Levy Gee (now Baker Tilly)).
1996	Partner of Levy Gee, heading up the personal injury side of the forensic accounting department.
2004 to Nov '09	Partner of Forensic Accounting Solutions (FAS)
From 1 Dec '09	Director of GDR Limited, a partner of Forensic Accounting Solutions  Member of Institute of Chartered Accountant of Scotland Full and Practising Member of The Academy of Experts

#### **Forensic Accounting Experience**

At FAS I am a partner in a small niche forensic accounting practice specialising in the quantification of loss of earnings and loss of pension primarily on personal injury, clinical negligence and fatal accident claims. Some commercial work is also undertaken including business disruption and loss of profit claims. I offer every client a partner led service and am involved throughout the duration of the case in the research of the relevant evidence, the writing of the report, attendance at all meetings and at Court when necessary.

I have been carrying out forensic accountancy assignments for over 30 years and reported in over 1,000 litigation cases. I am based in FAS' London office. Areas of work include:

- Personal injury/fatal accident claims
- Asbestos/mesothelioma and clinical negligence claims
- Contractual disputes
- Damages claims for loss of profit and business interruption
- Miscarriages of Justice
- Other financial investigation work

I have undertaken instructions on forensic assignments as Party Appointed Expert, Single Joint Expert and Shadow Expert and Advisor. My work is evenly split between Claimant and Defendant. I have attended the High Court and County Court as the Expert Accountant giving evidence at trial on the substance of my report. I have also attended mediations and successfully assisted in the settlement of claims. I have a wealth of experience having extensively analysed businesses over the years. I have a clear understanding of the way in which the Civil Procedure Rules apply to expert witness instructions.

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Instructions generally relate to high value personal injury and clinical negligence catastrophic claims. My experience covers a wide range of employed and self-employed claimants working in both the private sector and public sector. Private sector work includes many different industries such as Banking, IT/Telecom, Professionals such as Solicitors/Barristers, TV/Media, Wines & Spirits, Construction and Gaming and Gambling. Public sector work includes Doctors, Dentists, Teachers, Police and the Armed Forces.

High value catastrophic cases on which I have reported include:

- Large fatal accident claims in the UK and overseas covering senior company executives, bankers and junior executives on fast track promotion to more senior positions;
- Large personal injury claims in connection with investment bankers, barristers and entrepreneurs;
- Clinical negligence cases include instructions from Claimant or Defendant solicitors relating to self-employed individuals, family run businesses with consideration of the value of the business on retirement.

I have also carried out a wide range of investigations in many industries. Recent examples of cases include:

- The impact of changes in Environmental legislation on a claim in the white goods industry;
- Tax legislation applicable to a claimant being resident in the UK for tax purposes but working in Russia as a banker;
- Tax implications relating to a claimant working offshore in the oil rigs in Singapore but being a resident in the UK for tax purposes;
- Consideration of new pension legislation for both work place pensions and pension funds.

I am familiar with all aspects of the quantification of past and future loss of earnings and benefits and in calculating loss of pension claims. My reports are always well researched and stand up to scrutiny when being examined by my opponent or in Court.

### **Presentations**

I have presented to firms of solicitors and insurance companies on loss of earnings and loss of pension claims, have lectured to solicitors and barristers and have had articles published in The Lawyer, APIL newsletter and the Journal of Personal Injury Law.

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