



Helena Coates

Helena is a Solicitor in the London office of Steptoe & Johnson, where she is a member of the firm's Insurance and Reinsurance Group.

Prior to joining Steptoe & Johnson, Helena practiced as a solicitor in the insurance and reinsurance litigation team of an international law firm in London.

Helena has acted in a variety of insurance and reinsurance disputes both in arbitrations and in the Commercial Court in London. Her clients have included Lloyd's Syndicates and London Market and international insurance and reinsurance companies as well as insureds and brokers. Many of the cases Helena has worked on have had an international element, with a particular emphasis on the Bermuda market. She has particular experience in brokers' negligence disputes and complex, high-value reinsurance litigation with respect to both treaty and facultative cover. Helena also has experience of negotiating and drafting policy wordings, and has worked with reinsurance companies on ART transactions.

Select Seminars & Events

Falconbury's Reinsurance Contract Wordings and Disputes Conference, London, October 2008

Selected Publications

Risk-management Systems Must Be Set Up Before The Event
October 1, 2010, *Insurance Day*

FSA Unveils Details of PPI Redress Measures
September 10, 2010, *Insurance Day*

London Insurance/Reinsurance Practice Brochure

Insider Quarterly Sub-Prime Crisis Fall-Out
July 2008, *Insider Quarterly Summer 2008*

FSA's Discussion Paper on Transparency, Disclosure and Conflicts of Interest in the Commercial Insurance Market
April 2008

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Areas of Practice

Cross-Border Litigation

Insurance & Reinsurance

London & Brussels
Insurance, Reinsurance &
Regulatory Practice

Reinsurance Litigation,
Arbitration & Counseling

Worldwide Arbitration &
Dispute Resolution

Languages

French

Education

London College of Law
(Distinction), 2002

Queen Mary, University of
London, B.A. (Hons),
French & Italian, 1998

Admitted

Solicitor, England & Wales,
2005