

## Hilary Thorpe



Senior Associate Solicitor, Commercial Litigation Services

Hilary graduated from Northumbria University with a degree in both English and French law.

She trained and qualified at a top-100 law firm in the North East of England, specialising in directors' disqualification and insolvency work. After two-and-a-half years' post-qualification experience at that firm, she moved to a Legal 500 firm near London, broadening into general commercial litigation, before moving to Gaby Hardwicke in January 2009.

Hilary's practice covers all aspects of business litigation and dispute resolution, in particular breach of contract and negligence, contentious property, including landlord and tenant and residents' management company disputes, insolvency, company and partnership disputes and contentious intellectual property.

Examples of her work include:

- Acting for a multi-national company in a 10-day jury trial for false imprisonment and wrongful arrest.
- A number of high-profile disqualifications, including those involving fraud and arising out of football club insolvencies.
- Assisting on a breach of contract claim flowing from a film contract, culminating in a High Court trial.
- Assisting on one of the first reported cases concerning derivative claims and directors' duties under the Companies Act 2006.

Hilary speaks French, German, Spanish and Italian.