
Philippa Hill BSc FCA

Forensic accountant

Professional role

Partner in Grant Thornton UK LLP,
Forensic & Investigation Services

Professional experience and profile

Philippa is a forensic accountant and is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales. She qualified in 2001.

Prior to specialising in forensic accounting, Philippa spent four years as an auditor of mainly small to medium sized owner-managed businesses across England, based out of Buckinghamshire.

Philippa has acted in several complex criminal and regulatory enquiries, including fraud, money-laundering, insider-dealing and false accounting matters.

She notably gave evidence in the Financial Reporting Council's disciplinary tribunal against the corporate restructuring consultants that advised the 'Phoenix Four' directors of the MG Rover Group (who stripped assets from the ailing business prior to its collapse in 2001 with the loss of around 6,000 jobs).

Philippa acts as expert accounting adviser or expert witness in commercial disputes, in the context of civil litigation and alternative dispute resolution, including commercial arbitration, mediation and expert determination.

She advises on the financial impact of breaches of contract and breaches of duty on a business or individual, with particular experience of contractual disputes, professional negligence claims, loss of profits claims, post-transaction disputes and breach of warranty claims. She has passed Institute of International Business Valuers Exams 101 and 102.

Philippa has experience acting as expert determiner where she is jointly engaged by parties to resolve contractual issues in dispute.

Philippa's entry in 'Who's Who Legal' Arbitration 2019 for expert witnesses notes: *"an excellent team player"* *One source comments, "She is able to assimilate information and present coherent and strong arguments and analyses."*

Her 2020 entry notes, *"Clients applaud her "precision and calmness" and commend her "writing style" and "technical excellence".*



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Commercial cases experience

Philippa has acted as accounting expert advising on direct and consequential losses in numerous cases of alleged fraud, breach of contract, regulatory infringement and negligent advice, including in the context of company insolvency.

Her experience covers a wide range of businesses and sectors. Cases include issues such as:

- Swaps/IRHP mis-selling by banks
- anti-competitive practices
- employee fraud/theft
- breach of fiduciary duty by trustee/director
- fraudulent misrepresentation of financial position
- business interruption due to property damage
- loss of key suppliers/customers
- closure of a business due to risk of customer safety
- overcharging and corruption (conspiracy) allegations

Criminal and regulatory case examples

- investigation following collapse of a mutual society with the loss of millions in customer deposits
- trust provider that fraudulently converted family trust money for personal benefit
- accounting adviser to Serious Fraud Office in criminal case re false accounting

Other roles

Philippa is a non-executive Director and Trustee of the charity 'Pause – creating space for change', which aims to reduce the number of children removed into care, by working closely with at-risk women and their families. She is Chair of the Finance and Risk Committee of the Board.