

Mrs Louise Cowburn, MA(Cantab),FCA, MEWI

Topping Partnership, Chartered Accountants

Louise Cowburn (nee Ellison) joined the accounting profession in 1987 and qualified as a chartered accountant in 1990. She is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and a Member of the Expert Witness Institute.

From 1987 to 1994 Mrs Cowburn worked in general practice. In 1994 she joined DTE (Downham Train Epstein) to specialise in forensic accountancy and litigation support. Mrs Cowburn remained at DTE for 12 years. She joined the Topping Partnership in 2008 after widening her experience by working in the Criminal Investigations department of HMRC.

Over the past 14 years Mrs Cowburn has been involved in more than 600 civil cases, involving losses resulting from personal injury, fatal accidents, business interruption, commercial disputes, and professional negligence. She has also prepared reports in criminal cases. The majority of her cases have involved claims for loss earnings/profits resulting from personal injury ranging from relatively small to multi-million pound claims. She is instructed on behalf of claimants and defendants and on a joint basis. She has experience of giving expert evidence in Court.

The timescale for the production of reports is normally within four weeks of the relevant financial information etc being made available. Charging is on the basis of the number of hours incurred and hourly rates. Court appearances are charged for on the basis of the number of hours and no charge is made for cancellations etc.