

## Get to know...

### Joanna Connolly



Joanna is the Chair of the SPG and she is well known in courts throughout the country as an expert in the complex field of consumer credit law., and as a Solicitor Advocate, with Higher Rights of Audience, Joanna is qualified to represent clients in the Higher Courts of England and Wales. She is highly experienced and passionate about helping people which is reflected in her exceptionally high success rate.

Joanna and her dedicated team run a thriving practice where they deal with clients from all over the country and have built a reputation for being the 'go-to' consumer credit defence firm in the UK.

**Why Law?**

From a young age, I think I had an innate sense of right and wrong. I hate to see injustice, and as a Solicitor, I am now able to both effect change and help people.

**What is your favourite thing about your career?**

I love the intellectual challenge, developing new arguments and strategies.

**What motivates you?**

I love my job, helping those who are not in a position to help themselves.

**What did you want to be when you were a child?**

I always dreamt of becoming a solicitor

**What was your first job?**

My very first 'job' was at the age of 6 helping in a small village sweet shop in a village in South Wales called Penmark, owned by my friend's parents. I seem to remember being paid in sherbert fountains, black jacks and milky bars. This is where I developed my sweet tooth. I think employment law has changed a little since then.

**Who is your hero? Why?**

Lord Denning. Lord Denning was regarded at the time as being a bit of a maverick because he was more concerned with doing 'justice according to the parties in a case' rather than just the pure law.

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**Lord Denning introduced the doctrine of promissory estoppel whereby if a creditor promises to accept a smaller sum in full settlement intending the debtor to rely on that promise and the debtor does rely on it, the debtor may have a defence of promissory estoppel when sued despite the absence of consideration to support it.**

**If you could live anywhere in the world, where would it be?**

New Zealand. Although I have yet to visit the country, it has always appealed to me. One of these days, I will get there – most likely on a cruise ship.

**What is your favourite type of music? Who introduced you to it?**

I like a wide range in music from classical music, rock to Sade and Enya.

**What is your signature dish?**

My signature dish was Pork Fillet with apples and a creamy calvados sauce. My family loved it.

**What are your hobbies?**

Reading Judgments! I like reading, music, dancing, and cruising (pandemic permitting!)