

Expert Witness services

Hymans Robertson provides independent pensions, investments, benefits and risk consulting services, as well as data and technology solutions, to employers, trustees and financial services institutions.

We have an experienced team with many years of experience in providing expert witness advice and acting as expert witnesses in relation to disputes on behalf of trustees, companies, representative individuals and regulatory bodies.

Our experience

- Quantum issues (such as administration errors and barber equalisation issues)
- Losses in relation to the PPF
- Actuarial issues in relation to breach of good faith claims
- Scheme benefit changes
- Investment strategy decisions
- Assessing funding guarantees
- Scheme closure and amendment of benefits
- Benchmarking funding and investment strategies
- Preparing reports for court and the Pensions Regulator's determination panel
- Experience of cross examination
- Preparing documents for and attending mediations
- Actuarial disciplinary tribunals
- Arbitration proceedings

Why work with us?

-  Our steadfast **independence** allows us to put clients at the heart of our business
-  Our expert witness team has many years of **experience** across a wide range of cases
-  We work **collaboratively** with you to provide a thorough forensic approach to the case
-  We produce **robust**, accurate and consistent advice to support the case
-  We produce **clear** expert reports without unnecessary technical jargon

Our experts

Brian Nimmo

Brian is a partner in the firm and is well known to pensions litigators having worked with many over the last decade as an actuarial expert. He leads our Expert Witness team and is Hymans Robertson's Senior Actuary. Brian has acted in support of mediation hearings including attending these as needed, arbitration proceedings and meetings with Senior Counsel and lawyers to help shape cases. His experience includes cross-examination, advising on range of cases including complex loss of chance cases going back two decades.

Brian also advises a range of trustee clients ranging in size up to £3 billion in size successfully guiding them to strong funding positions. Brian is the firm's professional lead, chairs our professional and ethical leadership group and also heads the technical leadership group within the actuarial team tasked with ensuring that the highest technical and professional standards are maintained by Hymans Robertson's actuaries.

Clive Fortes

Clive is a partner in our Actuarial business unit. He has a broad base of experience in all aspects of UK pensions, specialising in advising corporate entities on their pension issues focusing on long term strategic solutions including risk management, plan funding and design, liability management programmes and general corporate advice in relation to pension provision. He also has extensive experience in corporate restructuring and re-organisations, merger and acquisition negotiations and UK and international pension accounting. Clive has acted as an expert witness in various pension disputes, including cases relating to equalisation of benefits, scheme benefit changes and administration errors.

Willem van der Merwe

Willem joined Hymans Robertson in 2014 and has over 20 years' experience in pensions consultancy. He is a scheme actuary and provides advice on a wide range of pension issues including ongoing funding, benefit changes, trustee training, scheme governance and risk audits, and Solvency II.

Willem has experience of pension litigation including quantum and mediation cases as well as supporting Clive and Brian in their roles as expert witnesses. This involves analysis of pension scheme documentation, analysis and commentary on financial bases, loss calculations and drafting reports for mediation and court.



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