

# Introducing **FORENSIC LITE**



The perception of experts is that they are expensive! Many feel that its like a train journey; once instructed, the train you have just boarded leaves the station and its difficult to get off, and parties are tied into an expensive journey.

Over the last few years, we have increasingly seen that costs, or the fear of costs, is leading to early settlement. This is normally in cases where the instruction of a single joint expert is commonplace. We have to provide a costs estimate for completion of the full expert report and have little chance to interact with the parties or their advisers.

Prime Forensic have been providing a forensic review service since 2012 that has been working well. It involves agreement of a fixed fee case review rather than the commissioning of a full expert investigation and report. Often the issues in a case are not clear and guidance from an expert can help clarify points and provide comfort that technical issues are not being conceded or overlooked because of the fear of the costs of expert advice. Our early involvement can help to identify the financial issues, clarify which are worth investigating and which are not. The service also helps identify where additional information should be requested, and includes the draft questions for you to raise.

**Forensic Lite**, our review service, therefore provides parties with access to expert advice at a reasonable cost without commitment to anything more. It is not a substitute for a full investigation or report and it isn't a cut price report. However it does give parties some comfort that the next step in the litigation is supported by expert advice and is not throwing good money after bad. Conversely, if the case is hopeless we will say so.

If you have cases that would benefit from expert advice but your clients are reluctant to board the train then Forensic *Lite* may be of interest.

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