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“She has the ability and experience of a QC, and an immensely strong moral compass.”

The Legal 500

Publications

- [‘FHR European Ventures LLP v Mankarious’](#) (2014) *Wilberforce Legal Digest* (Issue 1) March 2015
- Contributor to *Halsbury’s Laws of England, Volume 35, Perpetuities and Accumulations* (2013)
- Contributor to the pension chapters in *Transaction Avoidance in Insolvencies* (OUP, 2010)
- [Baynes v Hedger & anor: A lesson for charities](#) (2009) *In Dispute: Charities Appeal Supplement*
- Author of *Changing the Terms of Trusts* (Butterworths, 2002)
- Contributor to *International Trust Laws*, ed Glasson and the *International Trust* (Jordans)
- Emily is on the editorial board of the *Wills and Trusts Law Reports*

Practice Overview

Emily’s practice encompasses a broad range of chancery and commercial work. She is particularly experienced in both the litigation and advisory sides of the law relating to pension schemes, trusts, estates and taxation. Whilst her practice has an emphasis on matters involving complex technical issues, such as those with a significant actuarial or mathematical content, she has a reputation for giving clear, practical and commercial advice and being very user-friendly. Emily has a working knowledge of German.

On the pensions side, Emily has significant experience of pensions litigation (including regulatory work, professional negligence and rectification claims) and she regularly advises on issues including scheme funding, the scope of powers in pension schemes and the effect of mistakes in pension scheme documents. Complementing her pensions practice, Emily has a broad private client practice. She acts in a range of contentious and non-contentious trust and estate litigation, including cases with a foreign element. She advises on a wide range of issues with an emphasis on private wealth planning, tax and the drafting of trust documentation.

Emily is recommended in the legal directories in the following categories: Pensions (Chambers & Partners, 2017 and The Legal 500, 2016), Private Client: trusts and probate (Legal 500 2016) and Chancery: Traditional (Chambers & Partners 2017). Emily is also listed in the Who’s Who Legal: UK Bar 2016 for Private Client.

Emily was ACTAPS Contentious Barrister of the Year 2014.

The recent Chambers & Partners, 2017 describe her as “**clear and to the point. She will not only clearly analyse all the problems, but will always look to provide creative ways of solving them**”; “**Her mathematical brain is almost as impressive as her legal brain, which is of huge benefit when dealing with pension cases that involve complex maths issues**”. The Legal 500, 2016, says: “**She has a legal brain of silk quality and a killer instinct**”. Chambers & Partners, 2016 says: “**She is ferociously bright and very good on paper, as well as on her feet**”; “**Highly incisive and careful in her approach, she is extremely tenacious in getting her point across**”.

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Qualifications and Appointments

- MA (Oxon), BCL
- First in Jurisprudence, Christ Church, Oxford

Memberships

- Association of Contentious Trust and Probate Specialists
- Society of Trusts and Estate Practitioners (STEP)
- Association of Pension Lawyers
- Revenue Bar Association
- Chancery Bar Association



Pensions

Litigation

Emily acts in relation to all types of pension litigation (including non-contentious litigation such as 'Beddoe' applications and compromises), including:

- Claims relating to mistakes in pension scheme documentation (e.g. revaluation and pensions increase provisions, ineffective pension scheme closures and errors in the definition of 'pensionable service'), involving parallel rectification and professional negligence claims.
- Disputes between trustees and employers as to the funding of defined benefit schemes.
- Proceedings before the Pensions Regulator. Emily recently acted for a former company director in relation to an appeal in relation to the issue of a Contribution Notice by the Northern Ireland Pensions Regulator.
- Pensions Ombudsman complaints and appeals. Emily has represented the Pensions Ombudsman.
- Disputes as to the interpretation of pension scheme documents.
- Proceedings relating to pensions liberation.

Advisory

Emily regularly advises trustees, employers and members of occupational pension schemes. She also advises in relation to personal pension arrangements, and arrangements which are not registered pension schemes (including employee benefit trusts), and advises in respect of the taxation of pension arrangements. She has particular expertise in relation to the interpretation of actuarial reports and evidence.

Examples of areas upon which Emily advises are as follows:

- The cessation of accrual.
- The operation of legislation relating to the funding of pension schemes.
- The operation of the moral hazard provisions.
- Sex discrimination in pension schemes.
- Technical issues regarding the preservation legislation and the contracting-out legislation.
- The trustees' investment duties.
- The taxation of registered pension schemes.
- The taxation of unregistered pension schemes (ERFBS) and employee benefit trusts, including the disguised remuneration legislation.

Reported cases

These include:

- *Norman Charles Webber v Department for Education* [2016] EWHC 2519 (Ch) (LTL 18/10/2016) (Pensions Ombudsman appeal relating to the application of statutory limitation periods to complaints)
- *Merchant Navy Ratings Pension Fund Trustees Ltd v Stena Line Ltd & ors* [2015] PLR 239 (trustees' power to introduce new funding arrangement).
- *IBM v Dalgleish* [2015] PLR 99 (remedies for breach of employer's duty).
- *Garvin Trustees Ltd v Pensions Regulator & ors* [2014] PLR 9 (whether privilege can be asserted in relation to dissolved company in the context of Regulatory proceedings).
- *Archer v Travis Perkins LTL* [2014] PLR 311 (approval of a compromise in an equalisation dispute).
- *Konica Minolta Business Solutions (UK) Ltd v Applegate* (No 2) LTL 27/8/2013 (rectification of scheme documents).
- *Konica Minolta Business Solutions (UK) Ltd v Applegate* [2013] PLR 105 (application of preservation laws).



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- *Misys Ltd v Misys Retirement Benefits Trustees Ltd* [2012] EWHC 4250 (Ch) (rectification of scheme documents).
- *Cemex v MNOFF* [2010] PLR 1 (meaning of employment cessation event).
- *Houldsworth v Bridge Trustees* [2010] PLR 101 (CA) (meaning of 'money purchase benefit', effect of contracting-out provisions, and treatment of AVCs in scheme winding-up).
- *Hodgson v Toray Textiles* [2007] PLR 129 (interim deeds and transfer payments).
- *Hodgson v Toray Textiles* [2006] PLR 253 (equalisation of pension scheme benefits).
- *Aon v KPMG* [2006] 1 All ER 238 (meaning of 'money purchase scheme').

Trusts, Tax, Probate and Estates

Litigation

Emily is described by The Legal 500 2016 as "**A trust law genius, who is incisive and practical**". She has extensive experience of both contentious and non-contentious private client work, including:

- Contentious probate actions and claims under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975.
- The trust aspects of divorce. Emily has recently been involved in two very high-value divorce cases, both of which involved offshore trusts. She also advises in relation to various other property aspects of divorce, such as applications under section 37 of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973 and resource arguments post-*Prest*.
- Disputes relating to the interpretation of trust documents and wills.
- Applications under the Variation of Trusts Act 1958, compromises, *Re Beddoe* applications, *Re Yorke* applications (estates of deceased Lloyd's Names), applications pursuant to section 57 of the Trustee Act 1925 and other applications by trustees for directions.
- Applications to the Court of Protection and the Charity Commissioners.
- Disputes between beneficiaries and trustees and protectors, and actions for breach of trust.
- Hastings-Bass applications, in relation to which she has been involved as junior Counsel in a number of important cases, and rectification claims.
- Defending professionals (including solicitors and counsel) in claims relating to this area of practice.
- A hearing in the Cayman Court involving the partition of a large trust fund using the Cayman equivalent of section 57 of the Trustee Act 1925: *MEP v Rothschild Trust Cayman Ltd* (2009).

Advisory

Emily regularly advises trustees and private individuals in relation to wealth planning, including:

- Inheritance and capital gains tax planning, the taxation of offshore trusts, tax planning and the family home, reservation of benefit and pre-owned assets and business and agricultural property. Emily has advised on the application of the GAAR.
- Conflict of laws.
- Opinions pursuant to section 48 of the Administration of Justice Act 1985.
- Drafting trust documentation, wills, deeds of variation and documentation required to implement tax planning.



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Reported cases

These include:

- *Barker v Baxendale-Walker* [2016] EWHC 664 (Ch) (negligence claim in relation to tax advice regarding an employee benefit trust).
- *Labrouche v Frey* [2016] EWHC 268 (Ch) (unsuccessful claim against former trustees, who were represented by Emily as advocate, in relation to a Liechtenstein Foundation, fees and retrocessions).
- *Frey v Labrouche* [2012] 1 WLR 3160 (procedural irregularity in considering strike out application).
- *Baynes v Hedger & ors* [2008] WTLR 1719 (Ch D); [2009] WTLR 749 (CA) (application under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975 by alleged dependant).
- *McClintock v Calderwood LTL* 4/5/2005 (Ch D) (probate claim).
- *Burrell v Burrell* [2005] STC 569 (Ch D) (Hastings-Bass claim).

Emily is also involved in numerous unreported cases heard in private.

Professional Liability

Emily regularly advises claimants and defendants in relation to professional negligence claims relating to (i) occupational and personal pension schemes (ii) tax planning and drafting relating to trusts and estates and (iii) the administration of trusts and estates. The type of professional concerned includes accountants, actuaries, solicitors, barristers and benefit consultants.

Examples of recent work include:

- *Barker v Baxendale-Walker* [2016] EWHC 664 (Ch) (negligence claim in relation to tax advice regarding an employee benefit trust).
- Advising a professional indemnity insurer in relation to a claim against a legal adviser concerning the drafting of documents implementing a complex tax scheme.
- Advising the trustees of an occupational pension scheme in relation to a claim against an insurer for failure to renew death benefit cover.
- Advising the principal employer of an occupational pension scheme in respect of a claim against the scheme administrators for failure to document a reduction in future pensions accrual.