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### Qualifications and Appointments

- MA Law (First Class), St John's College, Cambridge
- LLM (First Class), St John's College, Cambridge
- Whitehead Scholar St John's College, Cambridge
- Wright Prize, St John's College, Cambridge
- Hardwicke and Lord Denning Scholarships, Lincoln's Inn

*“A great advocate who is very user-friendly, bright and someone who provides excellent client service.”*

Chambers & Partners

### Memberships

- Association of Pension Lawyers
- ACTAPS
- Commercial Fraud Lawyers Association
- Chancery Bar Association
- COMBAR

### Publications

- 'Pension trustees' duties of care and skill' (2009) *Practical Law Company*
- 'Trust to the Future' (December 2007) *New Law Journal Vol 157* (with [Michael Furness QC](#))

### Practice Overview

Emily specialises in commercial and traditional chancery work. She has particular expertise in cases involving pensions, contentious trusts and probate, fraud, complex professional liability, and high value commercial disputes, often involving an international element.

Emily is recommended in Chambers & Partners. She is described as "very easy to work with and very bright" (2019). Previous editions have noted that she is "very impressive, extremely clever, commands respect from clients in meetings, and produces written work of an extremely high standard" (2018). "She is very adept at finding practical solutions around very difficult and complex issues" and "very good with clients and extremely professional. She's a good orator and very good at conveying things verbally in an understandable manner" (2017). She is also "a great advocate who is very user-friendly, bright and someone who provides excellent client service" (2016), "a star of the future" (2014), having "a fantastically clear analytical mind" and being "very commercial in her judgment" (2015).

Legal 500 describes Emily as "a great advocate who is user friendly and very bright" (2019), "meticulous and smart" (2017), "assiduous and able to translate complex ideas into simple propositions" (2016), being "one to watch" (2014) and "a rising star" (2014) who "gets stuck in to the detail in a proactive and intelligent way" (2015).

Emily is a robust advocate who enjoys the litigious aspects of her practice. She regularly appears in both the High Court and county courts, representing clients in interlocutory and final applications, as well as at trial and on appeal. Emily is frequently instructed as junior to Queen's Counsel within and outside Chambers, as well as on her own account.

In recent years Emily has been instructed in cases involving an international element, including disputes arising in Dubai, Hong Kong, Bermuda, Mexico, Nigeria, Switzerland, Grand Cayman, Cyprus and Guernsey.



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## Professional Liability

Emily is regularly instructed in cases involving issues of professional liability, including cases concerning the legal profession, the financial industry, pension schemes (including trustees and scheme administrators), directors, and construction professionals.

Emily is recommended in Legal 500 for her professional negligence work.

### Recent cases include:

- Representing two barristers (a silk and a senior junior) in defence to a claim for professional negligence, arising out of advice given and representation provided in connection with a claim for compensation following a compulsory purchase order (with [Jonathan Seitler QC](#)).
- Acting for scheme administrators in defence to a £9m claim by the present and former trustees of a pension scheme in relation to equalisation (with [Michael Furness QC](#)).
- Defending a multi-million pound claim for dishonest breach of trust and dishonest breach of fiduciary duty against a solicitor who acted as a trustee of a family settlement, trustee of a will trust, and director of a property investment company.
- Representing two barristers (a silk and a senior junior) in defence to a claim for professional negligence, arising out of advice given as to the effect of a receivership order granted in support of confiscation proceedings brought under the Criminal Justice Act 1988 (with [John Wardell QC](#)).
- Acting for a landed estate in a claim against two firms of solicitors and a barrister for negligent advice concerning the decision to take and retain possession of a hotel in central London (with [Jonathan Seitler QC](#)).
- Representing a financial services firm in defence to a claim alleging negligent advice in relation to the establishment of self-invested personal pensions.
- Acting for the administrator of a pension scheme in defence to a claim for negligence relating to the drafting and implementation of pension scheme rules. The case also involved a third-party claim against a firm of solicitors (with [John Wardell QC](#)).
- Acting for a number of national mortgage-lending companies in a series of claims for compensation against solicitors and chartered surveyors, who advised the mortgage lending companies in high-value commercial and residential loan transactions.
- Representing a firm of independent financial advisers in defence to a claim by trustees of an occupational pension scheme for professional negligence in relation to their dealings with a deferred annuity policy (with [Michael Tennet QC](#)).
- Acting for a leading construction management firm in a multi-million pound claim for professional negligence against a national firm of structural engineers (with [Joanna Smith QC](#)).