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### Qualifications and Appointments

- MA(Hons), Jurisprudence, Oxford University
- Bar Vocational Course, BPP Law School, London
- Levitt and Hardwicke Scholar of Lincoln's Inn

***“Considers all the angles, her depth of thought and analysis is very impressive.”***

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## Memberships

- Chancery Bar Association
- COMBAR
- Commercial Fraud Lawyers Association
- Young Fraud Lawyers Association

## Practice Overview

Anna has a commercial chancery practice with a particular focus on civil fraud and insolvency disputes.

She is recommended as a leading junior in her field in Chambers & Partners in which she is described as *"an absolute pleasure to work with, she's extremely thorough, leaves no stone unturned and is responsive and reassuring". "In paperwork, she has a gift for finding the key points out of the mountain of detail and presenting them clearly and concisely"* (Chambers & Partners 2020). Previous editions describe Anna as a *"talented junior with a direct and focused approach to commercial chancery work, who shines in civil fraud and insolvency work"* (Chambers & Partners 2019) with clients praising her *"no nonsense" approach and ability to "focus laserlike on difficult legal or factual issues"*.

As well as being instructed as a junior to leading counsel, Anna regularly appears as sole counsel on trials and interim applications (including freezing and ancillary orders). She also has substantial experience in dealing with cases involving conflict of laws and jurisdictional issues.

Anna undertakes work both in England & Wales and offshore and has recently acted in cases in Bermuda, the Isle of Man and the Caribbean. She is recommended as a leading junior in offshore work in the 2019 edition of Legal 500.

### Examples of cases in which she has acted include:

- *Libyan Investment Authority v JP Morgan and ors*: a claim brought by the sovereign wealth fund of Libya, alleging that various transactions that it entered into during the Gaddafi-era were procured by corruption
- *JSC BTA Bank v Ablyazov*: a series of multi-billion dollar fraud claims in the Commercial Court and Chancery Division
- *Weaving Macro Fixed Income Fund Limited (in liquidation) v Ernst v Young*: A claim against a Cayman fund's auditors arising out of the large scale fraud of the fund's founder, Magnus Peterson
- *X Trusts*: a high value trusts dispute in the Bermudan High Court



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## Trusts, Tax, Probate & Estates

A substantial element of Anna's current practice is offshore trusts work. She is recommended as a leading junior for offshore work in Legal 500 and has experience in long running cases in a number of jurisdictions, from Bermuda and the Caribbean to the Isle of Man.

Her recent trusts work has included acting in:

- an application for removal of trustees of an offshore trust
- *Public Trustee v Cooper* applications for court blessing in highly contentious circumstances
- trust administration proceedings seeking a range of directions and other relief
- trust disclosure proceedings
- Beddoe applications

Her recent cases include acting with Brian Green QC in Bermuda in the *X Trusts* litigation, relating to a very high value discretionary trust and in a cross-jurisdictional dispute regarding a multi-billion dollar offshore trust.

Anna often acts in highly contested and complex multi-jurisdiction claims, frequently with elements of dishonesty and/or asset recovery and involving injunctive relief and other urgent Court applications. In this context, Anna has significant experience in dealing with complex offshore asset holding structures and finds that her fraud and insolvency work often ties in well with her offshore trust work.