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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

“She’s very adept at finding practical solutions around very difficult and complex issues”

Chambers & Partners, 2017

Practice Overview

Emily specialises in commercial and traditional chancery work. She has particular expertise in cases involving pensions, contentious trusts, fraud, complex professional liability, financial services, contractual disputes and commercial property.

Emily is recommended in Chambers & Partners as *“a star of the future”* (2014). She is described as having *“a fantastically clear analytical mind”* and being *“very commercial in her judgment”* (2015).

Legal 500 describes Emily as *“a rising star”* (2014) and a barrister 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, Switzerland, Grand Cayman, the Isle of Man and Gibraltar.

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* (with Jonathan Evans QC)
- *‘Trust to the Future’* (December 2007) *New Law Journal Vol 157* (with Michael Furness QC)



Property

Emily has experience of all aspects of property work. She particularly enjoys assisting clients in connection with commercial property litigation.

Examples of matters in which Emily has recently been involved include:

- Advising a monarch on a dispute concerning proprietary estoppel and rights to enfranchise. Advising in connection with the right of a landowner to recover rent under a commercial lease against a tenant in insolvent liquidation or its guarantor.
- Representing two barristers (a silk and a junior) in defence to a claim for professional negligence relating to advice and representation given in connection with a claim for compensation following a compulsory purchase order.
- Acting for a London-based landed estate in its claim for professional negligence against two firms of solicitors and a barrister. The case concerned advice given in connection with the decision to re-take possession of a hotel, of which the landed estate was the landlord (with [Jonathan Seitler QC](#)).
- Acting for a number of national mortgage-lending companies in relation to claims for the enforcement of mortgage security and claims for money judgment against the mortgage debtor and guarantor.
- Acting for the defendant national landfill site operator in defence to claims in nuisance (with [David Phillips QC](#) and [Martin Hutchings QC](#)).
- Acting for the claimant landowner in a claim for specific performance of a contract for the sale of land to a development company. The case also involved allegations of dishonest misrepresentation (with [Jonathan Seitler QC](#)).