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Qualifications and Appointments

- BA Oriental Studies (Chinese), Oxford University, First Class
- Domus Scholar
- Brian Wilson Scholarship for academic excellence
- GDL, City University (Distinction)
- BPTC, City University (Outstanding)

“Able to succinctly outline complex legal questions for the court”

The Legal 500 2021

Memberships

- COMBAR
- Chancery Bar Association
- Female Fraud Forum
- ConTrA
- PBA

Publications

- [Insolvency within your trust: bankrupt settlors, insolvent companies and insolvent trusts](#)
– Trusts & Trustees,
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Practice Overview

Tara is developing a broad commercial chancery practice, spanning Chambers' main practice areas. She is regularly instructed to appear as sole counsel in the High Court and County Court, as well as part of a larger team in more substantial cases. Her practice also involves a wide range of advisory work.

Tara has worked on both domestic and international disputes, including ICC and LCIA arbitrations, and she is frequently instructed in complex commercial matters with an international element. Recent work has involved jurisdictions including Russia, the Cayman Islands, Hong Kong, Kurdistan, the BVI and Guernsey.

Tara is ranked in The Legal 500 2021 as a "Rising Star" for offshore work, who is able to "succinctly outline complex legal questions for the court".

In late 2019 Tara spent several months on secondment in the dispute resolution team at a leading international law firm in the Cayman Islands, where she worked on a number of commercial, company and insolvency related matters.

Recent examples of notable work include:

- Acting for one of the respondents in an LCIA arbitration concerning a joint venture dispute in relation to the appraisal and development of gas fields, led by [Alan Gourgey QC](#)
- Acting in Cayman Island proceedings for the petitioner in a winding up petition brought on the just and equitable ground (*Tianrui (International) Holding Company Ltd v China Shanshui Cement Group*), led by [Tom Lowe QC](#)
- Acting for two defendants in *National Bank Trust v Yurov & Ors* [2020] EWHC 100 (Comm) concerning a \$1billion Russian law fraud claim brought by a Russian bank against three of its former directors, led by [Tim Penny QC](#)
- Successfully obtaining an urgent injunction in a claim for breach of contract and conversion in the context of a valuable vintage car collection, led by [John Wardell QC](#)
- Acting for a minor in a claim brought under the Inheritance (Provision for Family of Dependents) Act 1975, led by [Fenner Moeran QC](#)
- Acting for the claimant in an ICC arbitration concerning the development of a gas field, led by [Alan Gourgey QC](#) and [Iain Pester](#)
- Acting as sole counsel in the High Court to successfully discharge an injunction imposed in the context of the administration of an estate



Practice Overview continued

- Acting as sole counsel in the High Court on behalf of the supermarket Tesco to successfully obtain an urgent injunction in connection with possession proceedings
- Advising offshore trustees as to the enforceability of a foreign judgment
- Successfully obtaining default judgment granting a new tenancy of business premises under the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954
- Acting as sole counsel in the High Court in an application to remove the executor of an estate
- Advising on the beneficial ownership of residential property arising under a common intention constructive trust
- Advising an estate management company in relation to breach of covenants by the freeholder.

Tara joined Chambers in 2017 upon successful completion of her pupillage. Her pupil supervisors were [Tiffany Scott QC](#), [Jonathan Davey QC](#), [Jonathan Hilliard QC](#), [Marcia Shekerdemian QC](#), [James Bailey QC](#) and [Emer Murphy](#).

Prior to commencing pupillage, Tara spent several months working for a Senior Counsel at a top tier chambers in Hong Kong.

Tara studied Oriental Studies (Chinese) at Oxford University, graduating in 2011 with a first-class degree. She was a Domus scholar and recipient of the Brian Wilson Scholarship for academic excellence, as well as numerous other prizes. Tara went on to obtain a distinction on the GDL and was subsequently graded outstanding on the BPTC.

Tara is a Lord Denning scholar at Lincoln's Inn and recipient of both the Hardwicke Entrance Award and Buchanan Prize.

Commercial

Tara acts and advises in a wide range of commercial disputes and company matters, many of which involve issues of civil fraud. Her experience encompasses cases with significant offshore and multi-jurisdictional dimensions, as well as those involving complex trust structures, claims for breach of fiduciary duty and breach of trust. Tara frequently appears in the Commercial Court and Chancery Division as well as in arbitrations, whether as sole counsel or as a junior in more substantial cases. Tara is ranked in The Legal 500 as a "Rising Star" for offshore work, who is able to "succinctly outline complex legal questions for the court".

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- Advising and acting in a Commercial Court claim raising issues of good faith and questions under the Factors Act 1989 in respect of the purported sale of a valuable car, led by [John Wardell QC](#)
- Acting for the claimant in an ICC arbitration concerning the development of a gas field, led by [Alan Gourgey QC](#) and [Iain Pester](#)
- Advising as to the enforceability of Heads of Terms relating to the sponsorship and branding rights of a motor racing team, led by [James Bailey QC](#)



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- Acting for a specialist film financing company to obtain a freezing injunction in a civil fraud cross-border context
- Advising directors of a Cayman company in liquidation as to the scope of legal privilege that could be asserted in proceedings commenced against them and others by the company's joint liquidators
- Advising and acting in relation to a cross border merger of an English and a German company pursuant to the *Companies (Cross-Border mergers) Regulations 2007*
- Advising on the collateral use of documents in the context of proceedings being pursued in the Cayman Islands and the United States
- Successfully restoring a dissolved company to the register in a case involving cross-border issues and claims under the Third Parties (Rights Against Insurers Act) 1930