

Overview

Claire joined Chambers in 2016 and is quickly building up a busy practice. She has represented clients in both the County Court and the High Court, and clients have included a London Borough Council, an NHS organisation, prominent social media commentators and a number of companies. In addition, Claire regularly provides pre-publication advice to publishing houses and a range of media organisations including The Sun, The Times and The Sunday Times, and the BBC.

From June to September 2017, Claire was seconded to the legal department of Times Newspapers Ltd. During her secondment, she handled complaints on a variety of matters including copyright and IPSO complaints.

In 2018, Claire was awarded a Pegasus Scholarship to participate in the Paris Bar Exchange. She spent one month attending a variety of court and arbitration hearings, and sat with the media and information team at leading French law firm, Granrut.

Before commencing pupillage, Claire spent a year working in the litigation team of a multinational energy company. In 2013-14, she was editor and communications manager of the Oxford Human Rights Hub and continues to write for it regularly on the topics of freedom of expression and privacy. In 2014, she co-edited the Hub's inaugural published anthology, "*Global Perspectives on Human Rights*" and its annual report.

During pupillage, she gained experience in all aspects of media, communications and information law including defamation, privacy, harassment and data protection. Claire accepts instructions across all areas of Chambers' practice from both claimants and defendants.

Recognition

"*Thorough in her advice. Good grasp of the law and had detailed knowledge of key cases.*" The Legal 500 2018

Representative Cases

Defamation

K&K Hire Limited and anr v Radio Taxis (Southampton) Limited (2018) - Counsel for the defendant in a successful application for strike out and summary judgment in respect of both claimants' claims in defamation.

Churchil Ltd v The Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (2018) – Counsel for Ofqual in a claim originally brought in defamation, breach of the Data Protection Act 1998, and unlawful interference in business.

Osborn v Phillips (2017) – Counsel for the defendant in a libel, data protection and harassment claim.

Obileye v Williams and anr (2017) – Counsel for the defendants in an application to strike out a defamation claim.

Wallwork and others v McDowall and another (2016) – Counsel for the defendants in a successful application to strike out a defamation action for *Jameel* abuse of process and failure to surmount the serious harm threshold in section 1 of the Defamation Act 2013.



Data Protection / Privacy

King v Kogan Page Limited (2017) – Counsel for the defendant, successfully striking out a claim brought in the County Court under the Data Protection Act 1998.

Reporting Restrictions

R v Lewis (2018) – Counsel for two national media organisations, successfully opposing an application for a reporting direction under s.46 Youth Justice and Criminal Evidence Act 1999.

Other

2018 – Pegasus Scholarship, Paris Bar Exchange.

2017 – 2-month secondment to the legal department of Times Newspapers Limited.

Publications and Seminars

Data Protection and Children, BBC legal department, November 2017

Media-related Issues in High-profile Divorces, Vardags (leading family and divorce solicitors), May 2017

Defamation Update, Channel 4 legal department, April 2017

Co-editor, *Global Perspectives on Human Rights*, the Oxford Human Rights Hub, 2014

Qualifications

BA (Law with Law in Europe) (First Class Honours), University of Oxford (Keble College)

BCL, University of Oxford (Keble College)

Residential Scholar, Gray's Inn

Bacon Scholar, Gray's Inn, 2013-2014

Certificat Supérieur de Droit Français et Européen, Université Panthéon Assas (Paris II)

Fluent French