

Hannah Fry

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Hannah has a broad commercial, civil and public law practice, with a particular interest in international litigation and arbitration.

Hannah regularly appears as sole counsel in the County Court and High Court and has appeared (led) in the Privy Council and the Supreme Court.

Before gaining tenancy at 3 Hare Court in October 2019, Hannah obtained a First-Class law degree, followed by a Distinction in her LLM in Comparative and International Dispute Resolution, at Queen Mary, University of London. Hannah worked as a paralegal and research assistant to a construction silk. Additionally, she has worked as a legal intern at a software company in London and the litigation, banking and finance departments of a Kuala-Lumpur based law firm.

Legal Services

Commercial, Insolvency and Civil Fraud

Hannah is developing a broad practice covering all areas of commercial law. She regularly appears in the County Court, High Court and before Insolvency and Company Court Judges in a range of insolvency and bankruptcy matters and general commercial claims.

Hannah has recently recorded a webinar on the remuneration of the officer holder for R3's Introduction to Insolvency eLearning Series. She has written articles on how company voluntary arrangements (CVAs) fit with the current approach of "rescue culture" for companies facing financial difficulties due to coronavirus and remote hearings of winding-up and bankruptcy petitions under the Temporary Insolvency Practice Direction.

She also regularly contributes with Richard Samuel to Legalmondo, a platform for international legal services. Their most recent guide concerns the effects of Brexit on jurisdiction and enforcement of judgments between the UK and EU member states.

Notable Commercial, Insolvency and Civil Fraud cases

Junior counsel (led by Thomas Roe QC and Richard Samuel) instructed by the All Party Parliamentary Group

on Fair Business Banking as an Intervener in Pakistan International Airline Corporation v Times Travel (UK) Ltd UKSC 2019/0142 concerning economic duress.

Assisted Simon Davenport QC in a partnership dispute concerning restrictive covenants.

Assisted Richard Samuel in a case involving the interpretation of the Estate Agents Act 1979 and Money Laundering Regulations 2007 and 2017.

Assisted Tom Poole in an eight-week trial in the Commercial Court, which concerned a claim by a Russian bank alleging misappropriation of assets against its former directors and shareholders (as a pupil).

Assisted Robert Strang in an arbitration concerning an oil field production service contract under the UNICITRAL Arbitration Rules (as a pupil).

Employment

Hannah is developing her practice in employment law and has a keen interest in this area. Her recent experience includes acting for a Respondent in an unfair dismissal claim concerning redundancy and age discrimination. Hannah also recently advised on the identity of the employer in a corporate group structure involving parent and subsidiary companies.

Notable Employment cases

Currently instructed as junior counsel (led by Thomas Roe QC) in a complex employment claim involving unfair dismissal, wrongful dismissal, discrimination claims and unlawful deduction of wages.

International Arbitration

Hannah has a particular interest in international arbitration and dispute resolution. She holds an LLM in Comparative and International Dispute Resolution, specialising in international arbitration, from Queen Mary, University of London, in which she was awarded a Distinction.

Hannah is a guest lecturer at the University of West London in International Commercial Arbitration and

Mediation. She also was part of the Organising Committee for the AIJA Arbitration Commission Day in 2020 on interim relief and expedited resolution of disputes in international arbitration.

Notable International Arbitration cases

Junior counsel (led by Richard Samuel) in a construction arbitration, seated in Dubai under the ICC Arbitration Rules.

Personal Injury and Travel & Aviation

Hannah regularly acts in trials, interlocutory hearings and drafts pleadings in claims concerning travel law and the Package Travel Regulations. This includes personal injury suffered abroad, holiday sickness claims, misrepresentation claims, jurisdictional and conflict of law issues.

She regularly represents various airlines in passenger claims for compensation under the EU Denied Boarding Regulations (EC Regulation 261/2004), the Montreal Convention and claims concerning discrimination. Hannah also has experience in fast-track trials involving personal injuries from road traffic accidents.

Notable Personal Injury and Travel & Aviation cases

Currently instructed as junior counsel (led by Asela Wijeyaratne) in a personal injury claim concerning psychiatric injury caused by work related stress and civil fraud.

Junior counsel (led by Katherine Deal QC) in *The Airport Authority v Western Air Ltd (The Bahamas)* [2020] UKPC 29 concerning liability in negligence leading to the theft of an aircraft.

Professional Negligence

Hannah also has a keen interest in professional negligence claims. She is currently instructed as junior counsel led by [Asela Wijeyaratne](#) in a professional negligence action concerning the purchase and development of residential property, with substantial foreign law elements and jurisdictional issues.

Property Litigation

Hannah has acted and advised in landlord and tenant disputes including possession and leasehold forfeiture claims and associated costs. She has also advised on property law issues in Caribbean jurisdictions.

Public, Administrative and Constitutional Law

Hannah has gained experience in a wide range of public and constitutional law matters, both in domestic and commonwealth contexts. During pupillage and tenancy, she has provided assistance in cases before the Privy Council and the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court. Her recent experience includes assisting and advising on judicial conflict of interests concerning without prejudice correspondence in the Bahamas.

Hannah is also a member of the Government Legal Department's Panel of Junior Junior Counsel.

Notable Public, Administrative and Constitutional Law cases

Assisted James Guthrie QC on a judicial review and constitutional law case in the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court concerning the legality of a long-term concession contract in respect of cruise facilities and services.

Public Access

Hannah is able to accept instructions directly from members of the public, companies and other entities through the public access scheme (also known as direct access). She is happy to accept instructions on a direct basis in appropriate cases. If you wish to instruct Hannah on a direct basis, please speak to the clerks.

For more information on public access, please see the Bar Council [website](#).

Memberships

- Commercial Bar Association (COMBAR)
- London Common Law & Commercial Bar Association (LCLCBA)
- Personal Injuries Bar Association (PIBA)
- Young International Arbitration Group (YIAG)
- Young ICCA (International Council for Commercial Arbitration)
- Young ITA (Institute for Transnational Arbitration)
- International Association of Young Lawyers (AIJA)
- R3
- Young Fraud Lawyers Association (YFLA)

Hannah is a member of Advocate (formerly the Bar Pro Bono Unit) and is willing to act in a pro-bono capacity, where appropriate.

Education

- LLB, Queen Mary University of London (First Class)
- LLM in Comparative and International Dispute Resolution, Queen Mary University of London (Distinction)
- BPTC, BPP Law School (Outstanding)
- ADR-ODR International Accredited Civil-Commercial Mediator

Awards

- Shortlisted for Inner Temple Pupil Advocacy Prize (2019)
- Inner Temple, BPTC Performance Prize (2018)
- Queen Mary University of London, Drapers' Company Prize for Academic Excellence (2015)
- Winner of the 'Best Student Pro Bono Activities' Award, LawCareers.Net Awards (2015)
- Quarter Finalist, D. M. Harish Memorial Government Law College Moot, India (2015)
- Winner of the George Hinde Moot (2014)