



Kate Grange KC

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"She is hugely impressive, able to comprehend enormous amount of technical detail and her cross-examination style is effective, thorough and forensic." Chambers and Partners 2022

Kate has a broad practice which combines both public and commercial law. She is one of the lead counsel on the Grenfell Tower Inquiry and has taken a principal role in all construction and technical aspects of the inquiry's work. She is a former member of the Attorney General's A-Panel of Counsel and appears on behalf of central government in high-profile public law proceedings with particular emphasis on national security, human rights, terrorism, prisons and immigration law. Her practice also includes substantial and complex litigation, arbitrations or mediations arising out of large-scale commercial, construction and engineering, insurance and professional negligence disputes. The nature of her practice means that she has particular experience of advising on the interface between public and commercial law issues.

Kate was appointed a deputy High Court judge in 2019.

Areas of expertise

Construction

Commercial

Administrative and Public Law

Damages Claims Against Public Authorities

Inquiries and Investigations

Commercial

Kate has a broad commercial practice with particular emphasis on insurance, professional negligence and public sector contracts. Her expertise in commercial and public law makes her particularly well placed to advise on the interplay between public and commercial law. She is sensitive to the commercial objectives of private clients and also has an excellent understanding of governmental and regulatory decision-making processes.

Cases of note

- A multi-million pound dispute between a rolling stock manufacturer and a government-owned

company over the performance of trains and the consequent liabilities arising under three separate deeds of indemnity.

- Acting on behalf of a local authority in a series of adjudications concerning PFI contracts relating to the refurbishment and subsequent management and maintenance of sheltered and warden supported housing.
- Her appointment as part of the legal team in the retrial of the **Co-op v ICL** matter concerning the roll out of computer equipment and software across Co-Op stores.

Recommendations

"Kate is just excellent in everything she does." The Legal 500 2021

"She carries out an extremely thorough, effective and forensic examination of key witnesses in a calm and unflappable way." The Legal 500 2021

"Balanced, sensible and extremely capable opponent, with a strong sense of fairness." The Legal 500 2021

"She shows an excellent and in-depth understanding of the technical issues." Chambers and Partners 2021

"She's a totally reliable and amazingly supportive person to work with and is immensely popular with the judges." *"She's very clever, and has a common-sense grounding and approach to cases and works very hard at them."* *"An extremely sensible and pragmatic lawyer with a good balance in terms of knowing how far to push things."* Chambers and Partners 2020

"She shows an excellent and in-depth understanding of the technical issues." Chambers and Partners 2020

"A superb team player, she maintains her cool even under the most intense pressure." The Legal 500 2019

"Incredibly lucid, with an unerring ability to identify and distill the key points." The Legal 500 2019

Memberships

- Technology & Construction Bar Association (TECBAR)
- Administrative Law Bar Association (ALBA)
- Commercial Law Bar Association (COMBAR)

Qualifications

Education

Queens' College, Cambridge LLB: 1994-1997

Scholarships and Prizes

Diplock Scholar Middle Temple

Additional information

Kate was nominated for Barrister of the Year in 2022 by The Lawyer magazine.

She acts as a maternity mentor for a number of women at the Bar and she is also Chair of Governors of a North London state primary school.

Appointments

- Attorney General's A-panel (2012)
- Silk (2017)
- Deputy High Court Judge (2019)

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