



Rebecca Drake

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Rebecca Drake specialises in high value commercial and construction disputes, both domestic and international. She represents a diverse clientele of businesses, representing FTSE-rated companies, property professionals, offshore investors, private developers, SMEs, and ultra-high-net-worth individuals.

Areas of expertise

Construction

Commercial

Energy and Natural Resources

Sport

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As an experienced horsewoman and owner, Rebecca's sports practice focuses on cases involving horses across a wide range of claims. These include:

- Acting for an equestrian in relation to a selection appeal for the 2022 Olympics together with Paul Darling KC
- Acting in disputes in relation to ownership of, and payment for, racehorses
- Claims concerning alleged doping
- Claims relating to pre-purchase veterinarian examinations

Recommendations

- *"Rebecca is energetic and efficient, with a razor-sharp mind. She is capable of thinking on her feet and gets to grips with complex technical issues very quickly."* The Legal 500, 2023
- *"She is absolutely phenomenal and so is her work rate"* Chambers and Partners, 2023
- *"She is a very safe pair of hands in any construction case."* Chambers and Partners, 2023
- *"Rebecca is very easy to work with and a to-the-point advocate."* Chambers and Partners, 2023

- *“Excellent ability to understand clients needs, superb choice of junior.”*The Legal 500, 2021
- *“Able to deal with complex issues quickly”*The Legal 500, 2020
- *“The Lara Croft of the construction Bar: adversaries would do well not to underestimate her, she packs a powerful punch”*The Legal 500, 2019
- *“Her team spirit proves vital on long-running matters”*The Legal 500, 2016
- *“A very sharp junior punching above her call.”*The Legal 500, 2015
- *“She has a tenacity in court generally associated with someone of a much more senior call”* Chambers and Partners, 2013

Memberships

- The Society of Construction Law
- COMBAR
- TECBAR
- LawInSport

Qualifications

Education

2009, Cambridge University, Corpus Christi College, MA Law

2007-2008, University College London, LLM (Distinction)

2006-2007, College of Law, Bar Vocational Course (Very Competent)

2003-2006, Cambridge University, Corpus Christi College, BA Law

Scholarships and prizes

- Organ Scholarship, King’s College, London: 2007-2008
- Mary MacMurray Major Scholarship, Lincoln’s Inn: 2006
- Hardwicke Entrance Award, Lincoln’s Inn: 2006
- Avory Award, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge: 2006
- Hewitt Exhibition, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge: 2006
- Organ Scholarship, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge: 2003-2006

Additional Information

Before coming to the Bar, Rebecca worked at Norton Rose in the Project Finance division of the Banking department. She assisted in arranging finance for a range of large construction projects.

Appointments

- Rebecca has been Honorary Associate Professor at UCL since 2018 where she teaches law on the Construction and Project Management undergraduate degree.
- TECBAR accredited adjudicator

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