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Hannah specialises in construction and engineering, energy, and professional negligence, as well as general commercial work. She is regularly instructed by domestic and international clients in Technology and Construction Court (TCC) proceedings as well as arbitration and adjudication. Hannah has substantial experience as junior counsel as well as sole counsel of a wide range of construction, engineering and infrastructure disputes, with particular experience of nuclear and energy matters. She works with FIDIC, NEC3 and JCT standard forms and bespoke contracts, and advises employers, construction professionals, local authorities, as well as private individuals.

Hannah speaks fluent French, in addition to German and Italian, which has helped in developing her international practice. In 2019, she was called to the Bar of Ireland (currently non-practising).

Areas of expertise

Construction and Engineering

Adjudication

International Arbitration

Commercial

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Hannah accepts a range of commercial instructions, including general contractual disputes, civil fraud and insolvency matters. She has advised and appeared before the TCC and Commercial Court for injunctions, both domestic and international. She also has experience of major insurance claims:

- Substantial commercial dispute which turned on the proper construction of a contractual payment mechanism.
- Instructed as junior counsel for the Libyan Investment Authority in its litigation against Société Générale (*The Libyan Investment Authority v Société Générale SA & ors (2017)*), which settled shortly before trial.

Memberships

- Middle Temple
- Society of Construction Law
- TECBAR

Qualifications

Education

- MA (Hons) Law – Cambridge University (2006-2008)
- MA (Hons) Modernism – Warwick University (2003-2004)
- BA (Hons) English & Philosophy – University College Cork (1999 – 2003)

Scholarships and Prizes

- Benefactors Scholarship, Middle Temple (2008)
- Deans List Scholar, University of Massachusetts (2002)
- William L Markey Scholarship, University College Cork (2001)

Additional Information

Publications

- Contributor, *Wilmot-Smith on Construction Contracts* – Fourth Edition (2021)
- Contributor, *Guide to Construction Arbitration* – Third Edition (2019)
- Contributor, *Projects and Construction Review* (2016 – 2018 editions)
- Hannah is a frequent contributor to Practical Law and Lexis PSL

Languages

- French (fluent)
- German (conversational)
- Italian (conversational)

Recommendations

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- *"She is a real team player with an excellent grasp of the detail and is fantastic in a crisis."* Chambers UK Bar Guide, 2022

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