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Kelly is a leading senior junior practising in commercial and civil law.

She has particular expertise in competition law (including state aid and subsidies), EU law, tax law (corporation tax, income tax, VAT, environmental taxes and other direct and indirect taxes) and commercial disputes.

Her clients include multinationals, FTSE 100 and 250 companies, central and local government, high net worth individuals, charities and SMEs.

Kelly is a CEDR Accredited Mediator. She is a member of CEDR's Faculty and [CEDR's Panel of mediators](#) and a member of Sport Resolutions' Panel of Arbitrators and Mediators respectively. She mediates in all of her areas of practice, including co-mediation with HMRC.

She is called to the Bar of the Republic of Ireland. She trained at the European Commission (DG Taxation and Customs), and was a Judicial Assistant to the Court of Appeal.



Areas of expertise

Tax

EU Law

Procurement

Commercial

Judicial Review

Mediators

Competition

Procurement

Kelly acts in procurement cases, and has particular expertise in the interaction of procurement with state aid and subsidy law. She acts for both local authorities and for bidders in procurement claims. She has advised on procurement in a number of areas, including legal aid, NHS procurement, transport, adult education and regeneration projects, as well as issues such as compliance with the in-house exemption.

Cases of note:

- ***Amey Highways Ltd v West Sussex County Council* [2019] EWHC 1291 (TCC)** - Acting, led by Parishil Patel KC, for the Claimant in respect of the principles applicable to an abandoned procurement.
- ***A v B*** - Advising a local authority on the interaction of State aid and public procurement in the context of potential challenges in relation to a substantial regeneration project
- ***Smith Learning and others v The Legal Aid Agency*** - Acting for the Claimants in proceedings against the Legal Aid Agency.

Recommendations

- *"Kelly is able to quickly navigate through the various aspects of the case and provide the desired analysis."* Chambers and Partners 2023
- *"Kelly provides very impressive commercial advice and is an exquisite advocate. While for now she is a fantastic junior to add structure to a team, she will no doubt be knocking on the door of silk soon enough."* The Legal 500 2023
- *"Very good and commercial advice and a fantastic junior to add structure to a team. An exquisite advocate."* The Legal 500 2023
- *"Experienced, knowledgeable and thorough junior with a niche in state aid."* The Legal 500 2021
- *"Her advice is always very practical in what is a complex area."* Chambers and Partners 2021
- *"Very hard-working and knowledgeable."* Chambers and Partners 2021
- *"An excellent junior for tax, EU and state aid cases."* Chambers and Partners 2020

Memberships

- Called to the Bar of the Republic of Ireland
- CEDR's Panel of Mediators

Qualifications

Education

- 2001 – 2004: The London School of Economics and Political Science: LLB
- 2004 – 2005: University of Cambridge: LLM
- 2005 – 2006: Inns of Courts School of Law: Bar Vocational Course

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