



Ruth Keating

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“Ruth is incredibly bright and goes the extra mile to assist her clients. Her technical understanding of the law is exceptional.” The Legal 500, 2024

Ruth Keating has a multi-disciplinary practice, with particular experience in energy and construction disputes, environmental and public law.

She regularly acts as junior counsel in the High Court, Court of Appeal and Supreme Court and as sole counsel in the High Court, adjudications and arbitrations. In addition to advisory and drafting work, Ruth has extensive trial advocacy experience, ranging from short to multi-week hearings and appellate work.

She is a member of the Attorney General’s C Panel of Junior Counsel to the Crown and is also called to the Bar of Ireland.

Ruth was previously a judicial assistant to Lady Arden and Lord Kitchin at the Supreme Court and a research assistant at the Law Commission of England and Wales.

Areas of expertise

Environment

Construction and Energy

Administrative and Public

Commercial

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Ruth has extensive experience in a wide range of commercial matters – both litigation and arbitration.

Cases of note

Her experience includes:

- Ruth is currently instructed as a member of the legal team offering legal advice and support to the Foskett Panel. The Foskett Panel is reassessing the direct and consequential losses suffered by victims of the fraud committed at the HBOS Impaired Assets unit based at Reading and Bishopsgate.
- Instructed as junior counsel in a cross-border dispute which raised issues of jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments.
- Instructed as junior counsel in a large civil fraud matter, focusing on anti-money laundering.
- Sole counsel in a successful High Court application for a Norwich Pharmacal order. The application related to substantive proceedings, in which Ruth was instructed as junior counsel, concerning an alleged Ponzi Scheme.
- Acting as expert in the Irish High Court on enforcement of electronic signatures under English law.
- Ruth has particular experience in advising organisations in environmental and climate law issues arising in the context of private and commercial disputes.

Qualifications

- Called to the Bar of Ireland, King's Inn (2019)), with rights of audience before the courts of the European Union
- Called to the Bar of England and Wales (2017)
- LLB, Trinity College Dublin (2014) (First Class)

Prizes

- Dispute Resolution International Bar Association Scholarship
- Megarry Scholarship – Lincoln's Inn
- Advocacy Scholar – BPTC, University of Law
- Lord Denning Scholarship and Residential Scholarship – Lincoln's Inn
- Hardwicke Entrance Award – Lincoln's Inn
- Entrance Exhibitioner Award – Trinity College Dublin
- At university, Ruth was a keen debater on both a national and international level winning the Best Speaker Gold Medal and captained the winning teams against Harvard and Yale in the Student Economic Review debates. During her time at Lincoln's Inn she was the Debating Secretary for the Inn.

Additional Information

- Ruth is an editor of the Sweet & Maxwell Environmental Law Bulletins.
- Ruth is a contributor to several books:
 - She has co-authored, with Nigel Fleming KC, the chapter on Climate Change Litigation in the UK in 'Climate Change Litigation: Global Perspectives' (edited by Ivano Alogna, Christine Bakker and Jean-Pierre Gauci).
 - A contributor to the current and forthcoming editions of Wilmot-Smith on Construction Contracts.
 - A contributor to the forthcoming edition of 'Nuclear Law: The Law Applying to Nuclear Installations and Radioactive Substances in its Historic Context'.
 - A contributor to 'The Law of Net Zero and Nature Positive'.
 - A contributor to the forthcoming Legal Action Group book 'Making Lawful Decisions: a guide for decision-makers on acting within the law'.
- She has also been a contributing author to several international journals and online sources including the BCDR International Arbitration Review, Judicial Review, the Trinity College Law Review and the King's Inns Law Review, Oxford Business Law Blog, the Association of Regulatory and Disciplinary Lawyers Bulletin and the UK Constitutional Law Blog.

Previous Employment

- Judicial assistant to Lady Arden and Lord Kitchin at the UK Supreme Court.
- Research assistant at the Law Commission of England and Wales – commercial and common law team.
- Associate at Ci – Web Summit, Collision, RISE, SURGE, MoneyConf and f.ounders.

Pro bono

Ruth is happy to consider pro bono instructions.

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