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Hannah has a domestic and international practice specialising in commercial, company and insolvency, civil fraud, construction and international arbitration.

Hannah is frequently led in substantial disputes and has appeared led in the Supreme Court (*Pakistan International Airline Corporation v Times Travel (UK) Ltd* [2021] UKSC 40) and the Privy Council (*Chandler v The State No 2 (Trinidad and Tobago)* [2022] UKPC 19). Hannah regularly appears in the High Court both led (*Mercy Global Consult Ltd (In Liquidation) v Adegbuyi-Jackson* [2023] EWHC 3203 (Ch)) and as sole counsel (*Re E-Tel (UK) Ltd* [2023] EWHC 1214 (Ch)) in the Chancery Division, Commercial Court and the Technology and Construction Court (TCC).

Hannah also acts as both junior and sole counsel in international arbitrations and domestic adjudications. Hannah has experience and accepts instructions in respect of urgent applications for freezing and other injunctive relief.

A substantial proportion of Hannah's practice also has an international element, particularly in the field of international arbitration, where she has acted in arbitrations under a wide variety of international arbitration rules including International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), Abu Dhabi Commercial Conciliation and Arbitration (ADCACC) and UNICITRAL. As well as acting as counsel, Hannah has experience in, and undertakes instructions as, tribunal secretary.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Hannah obtained a first-class law degree, followed by a distinction in her Master of Laws in Comparative and International Dispute Resolution, at Queen Mary, University of London, where she specialised in international commercial and construction arbitration.

Areas of expertise

- Commercial
- Company and Insolvency
- Construction
- International Arbitration
- Public and Constitutional

International Arbitration

Hannah regularly acts in international commercial and construction arbitrations both as counsel and tribunal secretary. She has significant experience in International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), London

Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), Abu Dhabi Commercial Conciliation and Arbitration (ADCACC) and UNICITRAL arbitration and she is familiar with all of the major institutional rules including ICC, LCIA, SIAC, HKIAC and UNICITRAL.

Hannah obtained a distinction in her Master of Laws in Comparative and International Dispute Resolution, at Queen Mary, University of London, where she specialised in international commercial and construction arbitration. She has also been a guest lecturer at the University of West London in international commercial arbitration and mediation.

Hannah has a particular interest in arbitration disputes in the Asia Pacific region, India and the Middle East.

Hannah's recent articles and seminars include:

- Successful section 68 Arbitration Act 1996 challenged to \$11 billion dollar award procured by fraud: *The Federal Republic of Nigeria v Process & Industrial Developments Limited*[2023] EWHC 2638 (39 EC Commercial, Construction and International Arbitration Blog, November 2023)
- AIJA 13th Annual Arbitration Conference in Athens: *Supply chain disputes – the Suez Canal blockage and beyond*(Athens, September 2023)
- LIDW 2023: *Mediation in the Litigation Process – An International Perspective*(London, May 2023)
- Escalating Arbitration Agreements, Admissibility or Jurisdiction: Singapore, England and Hong Kong (39 EC Commercial, Construction and International Arbitration Blog, November 2022)
- AIJA 2022 Annual Conference in Singapore: Old Tricks, New Tricks: *Corruption in Arbitration* (Singapore, August 2022)
- Seminar hosted with the Singapore Management University (SMU): *Reforms to the Arbitration Act 1996* (London, March 2022)

Cases of note:

- **ADCCAC Arbitration [2023]**: Instructed in a construction arbitration worth over USD 1.4 billion concerning termination, delay and consequential losses arising out of a large infrastructure under ADCCAC Arbitration Rules. Led by Adam Robb KC.
- **ICC Arbitration [2023]**: (Ongoing) Instructed as Tribunal Secretary to a three-member ICC tribunal in a high-value (worth over USD 100 million) construction arbitration concerning delay and defects in relation to a sulphuric acid plant and power plant under ICC Rules. Chair of the Tribunal, Lindy Patterson KC.
- **LCIA Arbitration [2023]**: Instructed as Tribunal Secretary to a three-member LCIA Tribunal in a high-value (approx. €120 million) commercial investment arbitration in relation to the circumstances of COVID-19 and force majeure in the gambling sector. Chair of the Tribunal, Peter Rees KC.
- **ICC Arbitration [2023]**: Instructed in a high-value construction arbitration (worth approx. KWD £20 million) concerning changed works and remeasured quantities in relation to an oil refinery under ICC Rules. Led by David Brynmor Thomas KC.
- **ICC Arbitration [2021]**: Instructed on behalf of an Italian subcontractor in a multi-million ICC construction arbitration seated in Dubai under ICC Rules. Led by Richard Samuel.
- **UNICITRAL Arbitration [2019]**: Assisted (as a pupil) in a multi-million oil and gas arbitration concerning an oil field production service contract seated in Trinidad and Tobago under UNICITRAL Arbitration Rules. Led by Peter Knox KC and Robert Strang.

Memberships

- Commercial Bar Association (COMBAR)
- Female Fraud Forum (FFF)

- International Association of Young Lawyers (AIJA)
- Inter-Pacific Bar Association (IPBA)
- Young International Arbitration Group (YIAG)
- Young ICCA (International Council for Commercial Arbitration)

Qualifications

Education

- LLB, Queen Mary University of London (First Class)
- LLM in Comparative and International Dispute Resolution, Queen Mary University of London (Distinction)
- BPTC, BPP Law School (Outstanding)
- ADR-ODR International Accredited Civil-Commercial Mediator

Scholarships and prizes

- Shortlisted for Inner Temple's Pupil Advocacy Prize (2019)
- Inner Temple, BPTC Performance Prize (2018)
- Inner Temple, Major Exhibition Scholarship Award (2017)
- BPP Law School, Advocacy Scholarship (2017)
- BPP Law School, Excellence Scholarship (2017)
- Queen Mary University of London, Drapers' Company Prize for Academic Excellence (2015)
- Winner of the 'Best Student Pro Bono Activities' Award, LawCareers.Net Awards (2015)
- Quarter Finalist, D. M. Harish Memorial Government Law College Moot, India (2015)
- Winner of the George Hinde Moot (2014)
- Queen Mary University of London, Final Year School of Law Scholarship (2014)

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