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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 and a member of CEDR's Faculty and CEDR's Panel of mediators. 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

Judicial Review

Kelly has particular experience in commercial judicial review proceedings. She acts for claimants, defendants and interested parties in commercial judicial review.

She has acted for financial ombudsmen (in the UK, and in the first judicial review of a decision by the Channel Islands Financial Ombudsman).

She has also acted for and against local authorities, as well as for and against central government (including BEIS). She has acted in disputes involving renewable energy projects, financial services and pensions taxation.

She has particular experience of state aid and subsidy related judicial review.

Kelly has also acted in tax judicial review proceedings, and advised on the interaction of proceedings before the Tax Tribunal with judicial review proceedings.

Cases of note:

- ***R (Sky Blues and ors) v Coventry City Council [2018] EWCA Civ 2252*** - Representing Wasps (with Fenella Morris KC) in judicial review proceedings relating to their occupation of the Ricoh Arena
- ***R (Claimants) v GAAR Advisory Panel*** - Instructed by the Claimants and led by James Ramsden KC in judicial review proceedings relating to the UK's GAAR
- **Community Infrastructure Levy** - Acting as sole counsel for the claimant on several proposed judicial reviews of refusal of an exemption from Community Infrastructure Levy, as sole counsel and led.
- ***R (Claimant) v BEIS*** - Instructed by BEIS in relation to a dispute involving state aid, procurement and breach of eligibility criteria for the competition for funding relating to a project to develop new energy resources.

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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