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Emily practices in administrative and public law, regulation, inquiries and inquests, and commercial and construction.

An experienced public lawyer, she acts for claimants (individual and representative bodies), central and local government, regulators and other public bodies across all areas of public law. She regularly appears in a wide range of courts and tribunals, including the High Court and Special Immigration Appeals Commission (SIAC). She is a member of the Attorney General’s B Panel, and was a member of the Equality and Human Rights Commission ‘B’ Panel. She represents the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities in the Grenfell Tower Inquiry, and the Home Office in the Brook House Inquiry. She advises and represents a range of interested parties at inquests, including Article 2 inquests with a jury.

She is recognised by the Legal 500 in the areas of administrative law and human rights, inquests and inquiries, and immigration (including business immigration).

Within commercial and construction disputes she has experience of arbitration, shipping disputes, construction adjudication and banking fraud. She has been admitted as a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (MCIArb). She has been instructed as a member of the legal team from 39 Essex Chambers offering legal advice and support to the Foskett Panel.

Areas of expertise

Administrative and Public
-- Civil Liberties and Human Rights
-- Consultation
-- Equalities
-- Immigration and Business Immigration
-- Public International Law
Alternative Dispute Resolution
Commercial
Construction
Inquiries
Inquests
Regulatory and Disciplinary

Inquiries

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Emily has a deep knowledge of inquiries law and practice covering all stages of a public inquiry, having been instructed for core participants in relation to a range of inquiries over a number of years, including the Covid Inquiry, the Grenfell Tower Inquiry, the Brook House Inquiry, the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse, the Leveson Inquiry, and the Undercover Policing Inquiry.

Cases of note

- **Grenfell Tower Inquiry** - Emily represents the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (formerly MHCLG), led by Jason Beer QC, in the public inquiry into the fire at Grenfell Tower on the night of 14 June 2017.
- **Brook House Inquiry** - Emily represents the Home Office in this inquiry which is investigating the decisions, actions and circumstances surrounding the mistreatment of individuals who were detained at Brook House Immigration Removal Centre shown in the BBC Panorama programme "Under-Cover: Britain's Immigration Secrets".
- **Covid Inquiry** – Emily has advised a national organisation subject to Rule 9 requests.

Recommendations

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Memberships

- Administrative Law Bar Association (ALBA)
- COMBAR
- International Chamber of Commerce, Young Arbitration & ADR Forum (ICC YAF)

Qualifications

Education

- 2010 – 2011, Kaplan Law School, Bar Professional Training Course
- 2009 – 2010, New York University School of Law, LLM
- 2006 – 2009, Downing College, Cambridge University, MA Law

Scholarships and Prizes

- Inner Temple Pegasus Scholarship (2015)
- Middle Temple Inn of Court Queen Mother Scholarship (2010)
- Pomona-Downing Scholarship (2005)

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