



Ruth Keating

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Ruth Keating has a broad practice across all areas of chambers' specialisms, with a particular interest in energy and construction disputes, commercial, environmental and public law.

She has acted as junior counsel in the High Court, Court of Appeal and Supreme Court and appears regularly as sole counsel in the High Court and County Court. In addition, she undertakes pleading and advisory work.

Ruth was a judicial assistant to Lady Arden and Lord Kitchin at the Supreme Court. During this time, she assisted on cases of the United Kingdom Supreme Court and the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.

Before coming to the Bar, Ruth was a research assistant at the Law Commission of England and Wales. Prior to her time at the Law Commission, she was an associate at Ci, a company which organises global technology conferences.

Ruth has been called to the Bar of England and Wales (2017) and the Bar of Ireland (2019).

Areas of expertise

Environment

Construction, Energy and Natural Resources

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:

- 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.

- 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.
- Sole counsel representing a university alleged to have provided an inadequate course by a former student.
- Acting an expert in the Irish High Court on enforcement of electronic signatures under English law.
- While at the Supreme Court as a Judicial Assistant, Ruth assisted with several cases relating to commercial law. Those cases included: *Sveriges Angfartygs Assurans Forening (The Swedish Club) and others v Connect Shipping Inc and another* [2019] UKSC 29; *Wells v Devani* [2019] UKSC 4; *X v Kuoni Travel Ltd* [2019] UKSC 37; *Volcafe Ltd and others v Compania Sud Americana De Vapores SA* [2018] UKSC 61; *Travelers Insurance Company Ltd v XYZ* [2019] UKSC 48; and *Computer Associates (UK) Ltd v The Software Incubator Ltd* (UKSC 2018/0090).

Qualifications

- Called to the Bar of Ireland, King's Inn (2019)
- Called to the Bar of England and Wales (2017)
- LLB, Trinity College Dublin (2014) (First Class)

Prizes

- 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 has co-authored, with Nigel Pleming 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) and to the current edition of Wilmot-Smith on Construction Contracts (4th edition, May 2021).
- While a Judicial Assistant Ruth worked on the Supreme Court's publication 'Public International Law in the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom' (London Conference on International Law, October 2019) (co-authored with Lord Lloyd-Jones, Lady Arden and Courtney Grafton).
- 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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