



## Hannah Fry

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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

## Commercial

Hannah's commercial practice covers all aspects of commercial litigation, including commercial contractual disputes, commercial and civil fraud, banking and finance and related enforcement action. Her

experience includes complex litigation both domestically and internationally. Hannah regularly appears in the Business and Property Courts of the High Court and the County Court in a range of commercial litigation. Hannah also has experience of acting in international commercial arbitrations as counsel and tribunal secretary.

Further, see below Hannah's experience in:

- Company, Insolvency and Civil Fraud; and
- International Arbitration.

## Cases of note

- ***Pakistan International Airline Corporation v Times Travel (UK) Ltd [2021] UKSC 40***: Instructed on behalf of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Fair Business Banking (APPG) as an Intervener in the Supreme Court, in which the UK's highest court recognised and articulated the existence of lawful act duress in England and Wales. Led by Thomas Roe KC and Richard Samuel. [Judgment](#)  
[Westlaw](#)
- ***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.
- ***Facilities agreement and guarantee [2023]***: Instructed by various connected companies in the oil & gas power sector, based in Mauritius and internationally, to advise on the effect of facilities agreements in relation to the sale and transfer of assets and the validity of guarantees. Led by James Ramsden KC.
- ***Regulatory effect of restructuring [2023]***: Instructed on behalf of a telecommunications company to advise in relation to the regulatory effect of corporate restructuring involving interpretation of statutes in Anguilla, the BVI and Guyana. Led by Nigel Pleming KC.
- ***Fraudulent misrepresentation [2023]***: (Ongoing) Instructed by the owner of a restaurant business in connection with alleged fraudulent misrepresentation (approx. £750,000).
- ***Digital Media Team Limited v The BootBuddy Limited [2022]***: Instructed on behalf of the defendant company specialising in selling shoe care products in relation to a dispute concerning contractual interpretation and termination of the contract. Successfully settled.
- ***Termination of contract [2022]***: Instructed on behalf of an insurance broker to advise in relation to the purported termination of a contract and novation.
- ***Enforcement of Russian judgment [2021]***: Instructed on behalf of a Russian communications company to advise on enforcement of a Russian judgment in England and the effect of foreign limitation periods on enforcement.
- ***Negligence banking claim [2021]***: Acting for a major bank in relation to a claim for negligence concerning a customer scam. Led by Darren Martinez.
- ***National Bank Trust v Yurov & Others [2020] EWHC 100 (Comm)***: Assisted (as a pupil) in an eight-week trial in the Commercial Court, which concerned a claim by a Russian bank alleging misappropriation of assets against its former directors and shareholders. Led by Tom Poole KC.
- See further cases under Company, Insolvency and Civil Fraud.

## Memberships

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- 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

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### 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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