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"She is hugely impressive, able to comprehend enormous amount of technical detail and her cross-examination style is effective, thorough and forensic." Chambers and Partners 2022

Kate has a broad practice which combines both public and commercial law. She is one of the lead counsel on the Grenfell Tower Inquiry and has taken a principal role in all construction and technical aspects of the inquiry's work. She is a former member of the Attorney General's A-Panel of Counsel and appears on behalf of central government in high-profile public law proceedings with particular emphasis on national security, human rights, terrorism, prisons and immigration law. Her practice also includes substantial and complex litigation, arbitrations or mediations arising out of large-scale commercial, construction and engineering, insurance and professional negligence disputes. The nature of her practice means that she has particular experience of advising on the interface between public and commercial law issues.

Kate was appointed a deputy High Court judge in 2019.

Areas of expertise

Construction

Commercial

Administrative and Public Law

Damages Claims Against Public Authorities

Inquiries and Investigations

Administrative and Public Law

"Trusted by the government to handle the most difficult security cases. She is a very good advocate."
Chambers and Partners 2022

She has particular expertise in national security, human rights, immigration, terrorism, inquiries and prisons and also undertakes local government and education work. She is frequently instructed by the Government in significant judicial review challenges and has undertaken extensive work in the national security sphere. She is a contributor to Ward and Jones on National Security where she co-authored chapters on public interest immunity (PII) and closed material procedures.

Cases of note

***Privacy International v Investigatory Powers Tribunal* [2020] AC 491** - Acted for the government in this seminal Supreme Court decision about ouster clauses in which the court considered whether the Investigatory Powers Tribunal was amenable to judicial review.

***Khaled v Security Service* [2016] EWHC 1727 (QB)** - Application of the Justice and Security Act 2013 in civil damages claim involving asset freezing proceedings.

***AF (No. 3)* [2009] 3 WLR 74** - Kate has acted in a number of high profile control order/terrorism prevention and investigation measures (TPIMs) cases including this House of Lords decision which considered the fairness requirements of Article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR).

***Hashi v Secretary of State for the Home Department* [2016] EWCA Civ 1136** - Deprivation of nationality of suspected Somali terrorist including consideration of test for statelessness and consideration of Somali law.

***Spencer & Geller v Secretary of State for the Home Department* [2015] EWCA Civ 45** - Successful defence of exclusion of controversial "Islamophobic" US writers.

***MA (Somalia) v Secretary of State for the Home Department* [2015] EWCA Civ 48** - Successful appeal for the Secretary of State regarding deportation of a foreign criminal convicted of rape.

***Badger Trust v Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs* [2015] Env LR 12** - Advising and representing DEFRA in relation to the badger cull.

Recommendations

"Kate is just excellent in everything she does." The Legal 500 2021

"She carries out an extremely thorough, effective and forensic examination of key witnesses in a calm and unflappable way." The Legal 500 2021

"Balanced, sensible and extremely capable opponent, with a strong sense of fairness." The Legal 500 2021

"She shows an excellent and in-depth understanding of the technical issues." Chambers and Partners 2021

"She's a totally reliable and amazingly supportive person to work with and is immensely popular with the judges." *"She's very clever, and has a common-sense grounding and approach to cases and works very hard at them."* *"An extremely sensible and pragmatic lawyer with a good balance in terms of knowing how far to push things."* Chambers and Partners 2020

"She shows an excellent and in-depth understanding of the technical issues." Chambers and Partners 2020

"A superb team player, she maintains her cool even under the most intense pressure." The Legal 500 2019

"Incredibly lucid, with an unerring ability to identify and distill the key points." The Legal 500 2019

Memberships

- Technology & Construction Bar Association (TECBAR)
- Administrative Law Bar Association (ALBA)
- Commercial Law Bar Association (COMBAR)

Qualifications

Education

Queens' College, Cambridge LLB: 1994-1997

Scholarships and Prizes

Diplock Scholar Middle Temple

Additional information

Kate was nominated for Barrister of the Year in 2022 by The Lawyer magazine.

She acts as a maternity mentor for a number of women at the Bar and she is also Chair of Governors of a North London state primary school.

Appointments

- Attorney General's A-panel (2012)
- Silk (2017)
- Deputy High Court Judge (2019)

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