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Anna is a commercial and chancery practitioner specialising in commercial litigation and arbitration, civil fraud, banking and finance disputes and insolvency and company law matters. Anna has particular expertise in disputes arising at the intersection between her disciplines, such as banking or civil fraud matters involving an insolvency aspect. Anna is frequently led in substantial disputes but is equally confident being instructed as sole counsel and often appears as such against significantly more senior opponents including silks. She has considerable courtroom experience and is highly regarded for her engaging advocacy style and robust cross-examination skills. Anna also has experience in public law proceedings, in particular in cases which touch on her core practice areas such as those with a commercial law angle. She is on the Attorney General's B Panel of Junior Counsel to the Crown and is regularly instructed on behalf of Government departments, the Insolvency Service and HMRC.

Areas of expertise

Commercial

Civil Fraud

Banking and Financial Services

Company and Insolvency

Public Law

Company and Insolvency

Anna is recommended as a leading junior in Company law by The Legal 500 2024. Anna has expertise in a range of company law matters including shareholder disputes (unfair prejudice petitions under s994 Companies Act 2006, claims for breaches of shareholders' agreements and derivative actions) and proceedings relating to the enforcement of directors' duties. Anna is particularly interested in company law disputes in the fintech and start-up sectors and has recent experience of working on matters in these fields. Anna also has extensive experience and expertise in proceedings under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 and was instructed as part of the counsel team on behalf of the Secretary of State in the disqualification proceedings against the former directors of Carillion plc, which resulted in the longest

ever disqualification for a director of a plc.

Anna acts for creditors, officeholders and debtors in both corporate and personal insolvency matters. She frequently acts in Insolvency Act applications brought by or against officeholders, including breach of duty and misfeasance claims against directors, transactional avoidance proceedings, s236 applications and challenges against officeholders under ss303 and 168(5), in addition to disputed petitions and injunctive relief applications. Anna is a contributor to Tolley's Insolvency Law Service.

Cases of Note

- ***Re. NRLB Ltd, Brown v Competition and Markets Authority* [2024] EWHC 206 (Ch)** - Instructed by the Competition and Markets Authority in relation to an application for permission to act brought by a director of a demolition company who had given a 7-year competition disqualification following his admitted involvement in an illegal cartel. The application for permission to continue to act as a director of two companies, including the economic successor to the company involved in the breaches of competition law, was refused. Led by Catherine Addy KC.
- ***Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Relations v Adam and 7 Ors* [2022] EWHC 922 (Ch)** - One of The Lawyer's Top 20 Cases for 2023. Instructed on behalf of the Secretary of State in the director disqualification proceedings against eight former directors of Carillion plc, the largest director disqualification claim ever brought. Instructed by Womble Bond Dickinson and led by Mark Cunningham KC and David Mohyuddin KC. The case resulted in lengthy disqualification undertakings given by each of the executive directors, including the longest ever disqualification period for a director of a plc.
- ***McKeown v Langer* [2021] EWCA Civ 1792** - Appeared as sole counsel for the successful respondent in the Court of Appeal, against a silk and junior. The appeal dealt with a novel point of costs law, namely whether the existence of an undisclosed global without prejudice save as to costs (WPSATC) offer in split trial proceedings – in this case an unfair prejudice petition pursuant to s994 Companies Act 2006 – required the court to reserve the costs of the liability stage until the conclusion of proceedings when the WPSATC offer could be considered by the court. The Court of Appeal held that it did not and dismissed the appeal. Instructed by Russells Solicitors.
- ***Re. The Stratos Club Limited, Langer v McKeown* [2020] EWHC 3485 (Ch)** - Appeared unled for the successful petitioner in this unfair prejudice petition pursuant to s994 Companies Act 2006, relating to the Sophisticats adult entertainment business. Following a two-week trial against a silk and junior, Anna succeeded in establishing all of the pleaded grounds of unfairly prejudicial conduct and obtained a share buyout order for her client on very favourable terms. At a subsequent hearing ([2021] EWHC 1008 (Ch)) Anna succeeded in obtaining an interim payment on account of the price to be paid by the respondent for the petitioner's shares. Instructed by Russells Solicitors.
- ***Brake and Ors v Lowes and Ors* [2020] EWCA Civ 1491** - Appeared unled against a silk and junior in the Court of Appeal in an appeal relating to the test for standing under s168(5) Insolvency Act 1986. Also appeared unled at first instance: [2020] EWHC 538 (Ch).
- ***HMRC v Foster* [2019] EWHC 2077 (Ch)** - Instructed by HMRC in the first High Court case to consider whether public law challenges to an accelerated payment notice under the Finance Act 2014 can be raised by taxpayers by way of defence to civil law enforcement proceedings. Succeeded in establishing that such defences may be raised only by way of judicial review or appeal to the First-tier Tribunal (FTT).
- ***Re. St John Law Ltd, Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy v Murphy* [2019] EWHC 459 (Ch)** - Instructed by the Secretary of State in director disqualification proceedings against a practising solicitor. Obtained an eight-year disqualification order.

Recommendations

Anna is recommended in The Legal 500 as a leading junior in Commercial Litigation, Banking and Finance

Litigation and Company and by Chambers in Chancery: Commercial.

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"Anna is the complete barrister – enormously intelligent yet grounded, completely responsive with an ability to turn work of the highest quality around very quickly, adept at distilling very complicated facts into clear and simple arguments, whilst being great fun to work with." The Legal 500 2023

"She is very hard working. She is an excellent drafter requiring detailed hard information to be understood and dealt with urgently. A fine advocate: she has the ear of the court already." The Legal 500 2023

"Absolutely one of my favourite commercial juniors and a star in the making." The Legal 500 2022

"A go-to barrister on banking and financial services claims – she has a deep understanding of complex financial products and inspires confidence among clients." The Legal 500 2022

"An excellent team player and a very impressive academic lawyer – she is incredibly insightful and also tactful in the delivery of her views to a wider team. Her advocacy on paper is succinct, persuasive and elegant." The Legal 500 2021

Memberships

Commercial Bar Association (COMBAR)

Chancery Bar Association (ChBA)

Financial Services Lawyers Association (FSLA)

Qualifications

Education

- 2010 - 2011 / University College London / LLM / Distinction: Ranked 1st in cohort of 440
- 2007 - 2008 / Inns of Court School of Law / Bar Vocational Course
- 2004 - 2007 / University of Cambridge / MA (Hons) Law

Scholarships and Prizes

- 2007 / Gray's Inn / Prince of Wales Scholarship

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