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Eleanor's practice is focused on public, environmental and planning law. In Summer 2022 she was seconded to the High Court (QBD) (Admin Court) as a Judicial Assistant to Mr Justice Chamberlain.

Eleanor has a busy court practice and has appeared in the High Court (QBD (Admin) and Chancery Divisions); in the Court of Protection; in a wide range of SEND tribunals; in a school admissions appeal; in the magistrates court on a planning enforcement matter; and in a range of county court matters. Eleanor also undertakes the full range of pleadings and advisory work.

Eleanor is a member of ALBA, CPBA, PEBA and UKELA. Outside of practice, she is the legal editor of *Freezing in LA!* - an independent, interdisciplinary climate change magazine.

Eleanor is committed to widening access to the Bar and is a Bridging the Bar mentor. Eleanor accepts instructions on a pro bono basis, and has completed Advocate's 25 for 25 challenge in each year of practice.

Areas of expertise

Administrative and Public

Environment

Planning

Court of Protection

Inquiries

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Eleanor is currently instructed on the Infected Blood Inquiry, acting for NHS Blood and Transplant, led by Charlie Cory-Wright QC.

Memberships

- Administrative Law Bar Association (ALBA)
- Court of Protection Bar Association (CPBA)
- Planning and Environment Bar Association (PEBA)
- UK Environmental Law Association (UKELA)

Qualifications

Education

- 2020, City University, BPTC – Very Competent
- 2019, UCL, LLM in Public Law - Distinction
- 2018, City University, Graduate Diploma in Law – Distinction
- 2016, University of Cambridge, Emmanuel College, English BA (Hons) – Double First Class

Scholarships and Prizes

- 2019, Lincoln's Inn Denning Scholarship (BPTC)
- 2017, Lincoln's Inn Bowen Scholarship (GDL)
- 2016, Bokhari Prize (a College Prize for the Highest First in the English Tripos)
- 2015, Elisabeth and Derek Brewer Prize (a College Prize for a First in Part I of the English Tripos)

Additional information

Pro Bono and Voluntary Work

Eleanor previously volunteered at Lambeth Law Centre, holding one-on-one outreach appointments, and on the Free Representation Unit's social security stream, successfully appearing in tribunal. Eleanor has also worked pro bono with City University and No5 Chambers, supporting immigrants with legal aid applications. All her clients' applications were successful: one subsequently secured funding for her immigration appeal and was ultimately granted leave to remain in the UK alongside her daughter.

Eleanor regularly blogged on human rights law developments for the UK Human Rights Blog and has volunteered for the social rights charity Just Fair.

While an intern at Protimos, Eleanor researched the international legal framework which protects indigenous rights, in particular the principle of free, prior and informed consent (FPIC). Documents which she produced on FPIC were circulated among members of the African judiciary at Protimos' Judicial Action Group colloquium in Zimbabwe.

As an undergraduate Eleanor was chair of Cambridge PEN, a branch of the human rights organisation English PEN, and delivered consent workshops to 130 undergraduates in the first year they were implemented across the university.

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