



## Katharine Elliot

Year of call: 2016

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## Practice Summary

Katharine commenced practice in October 2017 and accepts instructions in all areas of Chambers' expertise. Her particular interests are planning and regulatory law, civil fraud and asset tracing, tax, and trusts and probate. Katharine is a member of the Attorney General's Junior Junior scheme.

Since commencing practice, Katharine has acted as sole counsel for the campaign group, "Stop Bengo Quarry" at a major planning inquiry regarding a proposed gravel quarry development in Hertfordshire. She has been instructed by both the Government Legal Department and HMRC Solicitor's Office and Legal Service to assist various government departments in the conduct of high value litigation alongside leading trial counsel. Katharine is also junior counsel to the Dame Linda Dobbs Review. As a pupil, Katharine actively assisted with writing submissions and case preparation in *Ilott v Mitson* [2017] UKSC 17, the only occasion on which the Inheritance Act 1975 has been considered by the Supreme Court.

Beyond the Bar, Katharine plays as a second row forward for the women's first XV at Haringey RFC. She also sings as a soprano with the London Symphony Chorus, performing at international venues in the UK and Europe, including as a soloist for the LSC's Symphonic Odysseys touring concert in June 2017.

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## Commercial & Chancery

Katharine accepts instructions in all areas of commercial and chancery law.

Katharine has experience across a range of chancery matters, including:

- Claims under the Inheritance Act 1975, including assisting with written submissions and case preparation in *Ilott v Mitson* [2017] UKSC 17, the only occasion on which the legislation has been considered by the Supreme Court;
- Tax litigation under the Transfer of Assets Abroad and Settlements legislation, arising out of complex offshore trust and corporate structures. In this context, Katharine also has experience of residence and domicile issues;
- Claims for breach of trust and challenges to the validity of a trust under the “sham” doctrine;
- Challenges to the validity of a will due to lack of testamentary capacity and/or undue influence; and,
- High value chattels disputes and proprietary estoppel claims.

During pupillage, Katharine worked extensively in the field of civil fraud and asset tracing, assisting in advising on and litigating multi-million-pound international claims at both first instance and appellate levels in England and Wales and in Jersey.

Katharine has also assisted in advising on and litigating contractual disputes across a range of business sectors, including breach of contract, unjust enrichment and quantum meruit claims.

Katharine is junior counsel to the Dame Linda Dobbs Review, which is considering whether issues relating to the HBOS Reading fraud were investigated and appropriately reported to the authorities at the time by Lloyds Banking Group, following its acquisition of HBOS.

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## **Planning & Environment**

Katharine accepts instructions in all areas of planning and environment law.

Katharine has acted as sole counsel for the campaign group, “Stop Bengoe Quarry” at a major planning inquiry regarding a proposed gravel quarry development in Hertfordshire, dealing with expert evidence on the issues of water pollution and the health impacts of air pollution.

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## **Regulatory & Disciplinary**

Katharine accepts instructions in all areas of regulatory and disciplinary law.

Katharine has acted on behalf of the Nursing and Midwifery Council at interim order, review and final hearing stages before the Fitness to Practice Committee.

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## **Public & Administrative**

Katharine accepts instructions in all areas of public and administrative law.

A member of the Attorney General’s Junior Junior scheme, Katharine has been instructed by both the Government Legal Department and HMRC Solicitor’s Office and Legal Service to assist various government departments in the conduct of high value litigation alongside leading trial counsel. This has included claims for A1P1 damages, damages arising out of judicial review proceedings and high value tax litigation.

Katharine has appeared in the Court of Protection, dealing with issues of capacity, best interests and the drafting of consequential orders.

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## Education

- Corpus Christi College, University of Cambridge: Classics, BA (Hons), starred first with distinction (ranked first in the year)
  - Kaplan Law School: Graduate Diploma in Law, distinction
  - BPP Law School: Bar Professional Training Course, outstanding
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## Scholarships & Prizes

- Shelford Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn
  - Buchanan Prize, Lincoln's Inn
  - Lord Denning Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn
  - Excellence Award, BPP Law School
  - Lord Bowen Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn
  - Griffiths Roman Prize, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge
  - Foundation Scholar, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge
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## Professional Memberships

- The Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn
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## Languages

- Italian
  - French
  - Russian
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