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Practice Summary

Dilpreet's practice covers Commercial, Planning and Public Law.

Dilpreet has experience across the spectrum of Chambers' core areas of expertise, including Commercial Litigation, Financial Services, International Law, Public, Local Government, Adult Social Care (in particular the Court of Protection) and Tax.

Commercial

Dilpreet has substantial experience in drafting skeleton arguments and pleadings in a range of financial fraud litigation, as well as undertaking legal research and analysis on contract obligations in international law and conflict of laws, trusts and estates, pharmaceutical negligence, international arbitration and alternative forums for dispute and Competition Law.

Recently, Dilpreet was lead on a large shareholders' dispute matter involving a number of injunctions relating to the ownership and management of a boutique group of hotels. She is currently being lead in a High Court Chancery dispute (now to be heard in the Court of Appeal) between two local authorities as to the ownership of a Henry Moore statue, and appeared as sole Counsel in a High Court trial (Chancery Division) in the matter of *Bourne v. Blacker* relating to a property, wills and trusts dispute.

Dilpreet has also been instructed on a range of breach of contract matters, and regularly appears in the County Courts and High Courts. Most recently, she has been instructed on providing advice relating to the merits of bringing a misrepresentation claim and the award of damages.

Dilpreet worked in the banking sector (Deutsche Bank) in New York after university. Here she managed a number of simultaneous projects to ensure new legal and compliance regulations were met within Securities and Derivatives groups, and she continues to retain a strong interest in legal commercial developments affecting the industry and regularly gives talks in relation to various commercial litigation aspects.

Tax

Dilpreet has considerable experience in providing detailed written advice, drafting pleadings and grounds of appeal. She has also successfully completed her CTA examinations in order to be able to provide holistic advice in relation to tax law.

Prior to joining Chambers, Dilpreet worked for Deloitte LLP in the Tax team where she regularly advised clients on a variety of indirect taxation issues. She undertook a one year seat in Financial Services, where she advised in particular on the tax element of pension management services, tax considerations for insolvency practitioners and looking in particular at the structure of pension arrangements following the European Court of Justice judgments in PPG Holdings and ATP Pension Services. She then completed a second seat in the property, construction and investment funds sectors.

Dilpreet also assisted as a junior in coordinating the preparation of industry analysis, technical tax papers and written responses for the Self Storage Association UK to VAT law changes in 2012, which contributed to a favourable amendment to the draft law (the introduction of the £1 capital goods scheme opt-in). She was recently instructed on the recovery of VAT in respect of a large-scale project costing several million for a large educational establishment, and has further provided advice in relation to taxation issues faced by local authorities, as well as recently advising on the efficient tax structures in a large planning matter concerning the sale and development of a business.

Recently, she has been instructed on providing advice in relation to the implementation of the Community Infrastructure Levy for a local authority, and its implications in respect of various planning and enforcement measures. Dilpreet is regularly instructed on providing advice in respect of HMRC Notices, and recently assisted lead Counsel in a detailed analysis of the interface between the issuance of Follower and Accelerated Payment Notices, and whether any challenge could be permissible under administrative law.

Insolvency

Dilpreet has provided advice on a variety of insolvency matters, including assisting with drafting voluntary wind up arrangements and advising on various Crown guarantee and contingent asset arrangements. She has also undertaken matters in the Companies Court, representing companies against whom winding up petitions have been presented.

Dilpreet has been instructed to provide advice on disqualification consequences for company directors, along with the consequences of company being put into receivership.

To complement her insolvency practice, Dilpreet is a qualified Chartered Tax Adviser. She previously worked in Deloitte's tax team, where she provided advice on the tax structure of companies, amongst other matters.

International, Public & Constitutional Law

Dilpreet spent three months as an intern for the Office of the Defence at the International Criminal Tribunal in the Hague where she conducted a variety of research contributing to the defence case of Borovcanin in relation to Milosevic trial. She analysed and drafted memoranda on a variety of international case law and theories, and attended meetings on a daily basis to keep the team updated on progress.

Dilpreet has worked on a number of complex and important principles in a range of cases, and has most recently been instructed in a Privy Council matter (from Trinidad and Tobago) in relation to the unlawful detention of youth in adult prisons. Ongoing work includes:

Advising the Claimants in respect of the unlawful detention of property, search and seizure by police and disclosure of evidence.

Acting for the Appellant in relation to a matter being sent to the Privy Council in respect of whether the forced retirement of the Appellant is contrary to the Constitution, is a denial of natural justice principles and accordingly, whether such a decision is irrational and/or unreasonable.

Acting for the Appellant in relation to a matter being sent to the Privy Council in respect of unlawful detention of the Appellant, and whether the assessment of damages by the Court of Appeal was correct.

Elections & Governance

Dilpreet has acted for a number of local authorities in respect of election petitions, providing advice on the merits of bringing an election petition and drafting the grounds and skeleton arguments for such petitions. She has also advised the Electoral Commission on the recall of MPs and the new election guidance for 2016 for Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Dilpreet also assisted in re-drafting the law in relation to elections and the electoral timetable for Trinidad and Tobago, and provided further advice on various particulars in respect of the conduct of elections, polling systems and how the voting should be conducted.

She was instructed with leading Counsel on the mayoral election fraud case for Tower Hamlets, to act on behalf of the Returning Officer. Most recently, Dilpreet is instructed with lead Counsel to appear on an election petition matter being brought by the former ruling party of Trinidad and Tobago, arising out of the recent general election held in 2015.

Education

- Law (L.L.B., Hons.), MSc (Oxon.), CTA
 - Visiting Seminar Leader – Pembroke College, University of Oxford – in the Law of Property and Trusts
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Affiliations

Lincoln's Inn (Barrister-at-Law), Denning Society, Chartered Institute of Taxation, UNA-UK, ALBA, ComBAR, Public Law Project, Education Law Association, Planning & Environmental Bar Association

Scholarships & Awards

- Pegasus Trust – Paris Scholarship (2014).
 - Lincoln's Inn – Euro Scholarship (2014).
 - Lincoln's Inn – Levitt Scholarship (2013).
 - Member of the 'Best Indirect Tax Consultancy Team' – BLT Awards (2012).
 - St Hugh's College, University of Oxford – Travel and research Grant Award (2011).
 - Mountbatten Scholarship (2009-2010). Awarded the Earl Mountbatten Award for 'Global Vision' (2010).
 - Nominated for the Attorney-General's Pro Bono Award (2009).
 - Awarded the Dean's scholarship at BPP Law School to undertake the LLM in International Law and Practice (2008).
 - Best Delegate' at Harvard World M.U.N. 2007 in the Disarmament & International Security Commission of 300 people, and then again at Oxford International MUN 2007 (Security Council), and London International MUN 2008 (Special Political & Economic Commission). Awarded best speaker as ICJ advocate (July 2009).
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Publications

- 'Putting the Lights Out' – How can developers override private rights of light under s.237 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990, New Law Journal (2015) [co-authored with Andrew Francis].
 - Commentary for LexisNexis on the Finance Act in respect of tax and planning (2015) [co-authored with Timothy Straker QC].
 - 'Oaths and Perjury in a Protestant Monarchy', Revue International de Droit Comparé (2014) [with Simon Horsington].
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Languages

- French
 - German
 - Spanish (basic)
 - Punjabi
 - Hindi
 - Gujarati (basic)
 - Urdu
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Current Work

Dilpreet's ongoing work in Chambers includes:

- Court of Appeal matter from the High Court (Chancery Division) relating to ownership of a Henry Moore sculpture.
 - Instructed, with leading counsel, by the former ruling party of Trinidad and Tobago on an election petition arising out of the recent general election on the islands.
 - Ongoing representation of a local authority in a Court of Protection matter relating to an individual's financial
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and property deputyship and best interests care arrangements.

- Instructed, with leading counsel, by a local authority in respect of developments relating to its housing policy (matter listed to be heard in the High Court later in 2016).
 - Providing ongoing advice in relation to Tax and Planning law relating to the sale of a large property business.
 - Assisting leading counsel with the representation on a complex public law point relating to two children detained in adult prisons in Trinidad and Tobago in an appeal to the Privy Council.
 - Instructed by a local authority to represent them in a national inquest looking into the death of Alois Dvorzak.
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Significant and reported cases

- YB v. Islington LBC [2015] EWCOP 79.
 - Lisle-Mainwaring v. Kensington and Chelsea RLBC [2015] EWHC 1814 (Admin); [2015] EWHC 2105 (Admin).
 - Tower Hamlets LBC v. Bromley LBC [2015] EWHC 1954 (Ch).
 - Erlam and others v. Rahman and The Returning Officer for the London Borough of Tower Hamlets [2015] EWHC 1215 (Q.B.).
 - R. (on the application of Eliterank Ltd) v. Kensington and Chelsea RLBC [2015] EWHC 220 (Admin).
 - Peak Hotels and Resorts Limited v Tarek Investments Limited, Peak Hotels and Resorts Group Limited, Sherway Group Limited [2014] EWHC 2315 (Ch)
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