

Katharine Elliot

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Practice Summary

Katharine has a diverse public law practice, encompassing planning and environmental, election, regulatory, mental health and tax law. Her extensive knowledge of trusts, probate and general private client law makes her exceptionally well placed to advise in cases where public and private law issues meet. She also handles cases at the interface of civil and criminal law.

Katharine is a strong and accomplished advocate, who appears in the County Court, High Court, Court of Protection, First-Tier Tribunals and professional disciplinary panels, both as junior counsel and in her own right.

Katharine was appointed to the Attorney General's C Panel in 2021. Prior to her appointment, she was instructed off panel by both the GLD and HMRC to act in high value litigation alongside leading counsel.

Her practice highlights include:

Vachha v Hamilton [2020] EWHC 3728 (Ch): Led by Tim Straker QC, successfully resisting an application for multiple injunctions aimed at controlling the internal workings of the United Kingdom Independence Party, and for the expedited trial of a dispute over who held various party offices under its constitution.

The Dame Linda Dobbs Review: Three years' experience as a member of the core counsel team working with leading practitioners in financial crime and financial services regulation to review the handling of the HBOS Reading fraud by Lloyds Banking Group, advising on issues of fact, law and evidence gathering. Katharine excels in the set up and management of electronic disclosure systems.

Successfully representing the campaign group, Stop Bengo Quarry, in opposing a major sand and gravel quarry development in Hertfordshire on the basis that it threatened to

pollute a vital source of local drinking water (APP/M1900/W/17/3178839).

As a pupil, actively assisting with written 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.

Katharine is a regular contributor to the Association of Electoral Administrators 'Arena' magazine and to chambers' planning law article series. She spoke on election law and litigating elections at the recent ALBA Summer Conference 2021.

A strong believer in promoting both access to justice and diversity at the Bar, Katharine regularly accepts pro bono instructions through Advocate and is a session leader and mentor for BME Legal. She is also a tutor with The Access Project, a charity which supports students from disadvantaged backgrounds to access top universities.

Beyond the Bar, Katharine 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. She is also a keen rugby union fan and played for Haringey RFC until she retired from the sport in 2019.

Memberships

- The Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn
 - Administrative Law Bar Association
 - Court of Protection Bar Association
 - The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn
 - Planning and Environment Bar Association
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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