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Wendy Mathers is a versatile advocate with a broad Chancery practice, she has particular expertise in pensions, private client and property work.

Clients instruct Wendy because she is "incredibly thorough and forensic with her knowledge of pensions, trusts and civil procedure, often shining a light on a problem not spotted by more senior counsel." (Chambers UK Bar 2025)

Wendy is recommended as a leading junior in both Chambers UK Bar and The Legal 500 UK Bar. Chambers UK Bar 2025 refer to Wendy as "an experienced commercial chancery junior who is popular with respondents for her knowledge in Part 8 claims and professional negligence disputes. Her experience includes advising on Pensions Ombudsman matters and issues surrounding equalisation".

PENSIONS

Wendy is recommended as a leading junior in both Chambers UK Bar and The Legal 500 UK Bar, having been described as possessing "great intellectual ability presented in a down-to-earth manner, making her accessible to both clients and solicitors". She has also been described as "an incisive operator with forensic attention to detail", "A junior known for her strong oratory skills and assertive advocacy style… she impresses solicitors with her energy and commitment" and "user-friendly and very bright".

Wendy accepts instructions concerning all aspects of pensions law including equalisation, closure of schemes to future accruals, bulk transfers, the Employer Debt Regulations and the Preservation of Benefit Regulations, conduct of pension trustees, rectification of scheme documentation, winding-up and professional negligence of professionals associated with the administration and operation of schemes.

She also advises in relation to matters coming before the Pensions Ombudsman and the Pensions Regulator (having experience of matters before the Determinations Panel and the Upper Tribunal) and has extensive experience of statutory pension schemes including the LGPS.

Wendy co-edits the Pensions volume of Halsbury's Laws of England with Elizabeth Ovey.

Wendy is a member of the Association of Pension Lawyers.

Her reported cases include:

- *Phillips v National Grid Gas Plc* [2025] EWHC 693 (KB); [2025] Pens LR 9 – Acting as sole counsel for an employer in relation to a former employee's claim for ill health early retirement benefits. This appeal involved issues of limitation and consideration of the nature of the duty to opine, in particular Lavender J confirmed that a duty to opine is not an open-ended continuing duty.
- *Newell Trustees Ltd v (1) Newell Rubbermaid UK Services Ltd & (2) Ian Putland [2024] EWHC 48 (Ch)* – Acting as junior counsel for the trustees in this Part 64 application covering a wide range of issues including questions as to the validity of amendments made by an interim deed with annexed member booklets, consideration of a Re Courage-type proviso, extrinsic contracts and age discrimination arguments under the Equality Act 2010, which involved consideration of the effects of the Brexit legislation (European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 and (briefly) the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023) on the availability of such arguments post-IP Completion Day.
- *Re Meghraj Group Pension Scheme* (2020) Determinations Panel, Pensions Regulator, C101257157 – Wendy acted for one of two targets in this case involving the issuing of a Contribution Notice under its moral hazard powers.
- *Capita ATL Pension Trustees Ltd & Ors v Sedgwick Financial Services Ltd & Ors* [2016] EWHC 214 (Ch) – Acting as junior counsel for the trustees in an application concerning section 14A of the Limitation Act 1980 in the context of a multi-million pound professional negligence claim.
- *Ascham Homes Limited v Hassett Auguste* [2015] EWHC 3517 (Ch), [2016] I.C.R. 359 – Acting for the successful appellant in an appeal from a determination of the Deputy Pensions Ombudsman turning on the construction of Regulation 19 of the Local Government Pension Scheme (Benefits, Membership and Contributions) Regulations 2007 (SI 2007/1166) as amended, resulting in the first High Court decision to consider the meaning of "business efficiency" for the purposes of the regulations.
- *Re Gleeds Retirement Benefit Scheme* [2014] EWHC 1178 (Ch), [2015] Ch. 212 – Acting as junior counsel for the trustees in in an application for directions concerning the validity of amendments to a Scheme purportedly made by deed in circumstances where the documents executed did not comply with section 1(3) of the Law of Property (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1989.
- *Ainslie v Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada (UK) Ltd* [2014] EWHC 453 (Ch), [2014] 030 PBLR (14) – Acting for the respondent in an appeal from a determination of the Deputy Pensions Ombudsman in relation to a number of issues including the member's entitlement (or lack thereof) to a TFCLS and to exercise an open market option in relation to a protected rights policy which had previously been the subject of a settlement agreement.
- *Alexander Forbes Trustee Services Ltd. v John Doe & Richard Roe* [2011] EWHC 3930 (Ch), [2012] 19 PBLR – Acting for the trustee in seeking a determination of the effect of Regulation 13 of the Occupational Pension Schemes (Winding Up) Regulations 1996 (SI 1996/3126) on section 73 of the Pensions Act 1995 in the context of a hybrid scheme.

Recent work includes:

- Acting for the representative beneficiary in a scheme trustee's application for *Beddoe* relief in relation a proposed appeal to the First-tier Tribunal (Tax Chamber) in relation to the recoverability of VAT on scheme administration costs.
- Acting for the administrators of a company in relation to sums held by a director on constructive trust which had been wrongfully paid into a pension scheme.
- Acting for a member who had received an alleged overpayment of £1.3 million in relation to a pension policy.
- Acting for a member-trustee of a SSAS facing allegations of breach of trust.
- Acting for a personal pension provider in a claim to rectify a pension policy

document which erroneously made provision for a dependant's pension to be payable for life.
- Advising on the rights of a member-trustee of a former FURBS (now an EFRBS) and their entitlement to take retirement benefits under the Scheme.
- Advising a landlord as to its rights against its tenants in the context of a pensions liberation scheme where the Pensions Regulator had appointed an independent trustee, but the title to the relevant investment properties was still vested in the original trustees of the Scheme.
- Advising a representative beneficiary in a rectification claim regarding equalisation of pension ages.
- Advising the proposed representative beneficiary in the context of a claim seeking to establish whether members of several schemes involved in pensions liberation who "joined" after the appointment of an independent trustee by the Pensions Regulator were members of the schemes or whether the independent trustee held the relevant transfer sums on different trusts.
- Advising for the trustee of a SSAS as to their obligations in the context of a request for information from potential beneficiaries of a death benefit.
- Acting for the trustee of a scheme seeking to recover an overpayment in excess of £1.2 million from a member of a scheme.
- Acting for a party to an operating contract in a dispute as to liability in relation to funding targeted pension benefits for TUPE'd employees.
- Advising a widow in relation to a challenge to a scheme trustee's exercise of discretion relating to death benefits arising from her late husband's pension.
- Advising a Fire Rescue Authority regarding three IDRP complaints regarding the status of salaries paid in respect of temporary promotions in the context of the Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Amendment) (No 2) (England) Order 2013 (SI 2013/1392) and the 1992 Firefighters Pension Scheme.
- Advising a public sector scheme as to its obligations in relation to substantial overpayments that had been made to a number of widows and widowers.
- Acting before the Determinations Panel of the Pensions Regulator for the target in connection with the Regulator's pursuit of a Contribution Notice (CN) under its moral hazard powers.
- Acting for a group of targets against whom the Pensions Regulator has issued a Warning Notice stating its intention to seek a Financial Support Direction (FSD).
- Settling particulars of claim against scheme advisers in respect of a negligently drafted top-up pension scheme and ancillary documentation which erroneously gave the member the right to take both the top-up pension and the scheme pension without actuarial reduction at 60.
- Settling proceedings in a rectification claim to correct an error introduced during a scheme amendment where the error has been replicated in a subsequent scheme amendment.
- Advising a local authority in relation to an allegation of negligent misrepresentation about whether specified sums were capable of superannuation for the purposes of the LGPS.
- Advising a member in relation to a possible claim about a mis-sold personal pension.
- Settling a claim for rectification of a pension scheme to correct a drafting error which inadvertently increased the accrual rate for a significant number of members, with the employer obtaining summary judgment without the need for a hearing.
- Advising (together with leading counsel) an employer facing a potential winding-up petition on the validity of Schedules of Contributions served under both the MFR and SSF regimes which were to form the basis of the petition debt.
- Advising trustees in relation to a discrepancy between the scheme rules and the booklets sent to members concerning the basis of calculating pension increases.

- Settling (together with leading counsel) particulars of claim against former scheme advisers in relation to negligent advice provided in response to the proposed termination of employer contributions to the scheme.
- Advising a firm of solicitors as to whether they had provided negligent advice concerning the effect of *Foster Wheeler Ltd v Hanley and Ors* [2009] EWCA Civ 651.
- Acting for the trustees (together with leading counsel) to secure *Beddoe* relief in relation to anticipated proceedings against former scheme advisers.

TRUSTS

Wendy accepts instructions relating to trusts including construction and rectification of trust instruments, breach of duty by trustees and other fiduciaries, the appointment, retirement and removal of trustees, trustee remuneration, exercise of trustee powers, tracing and variation of trusts. She has particular experience of pension trusts and *Beddoe* applications.

Her recent work includes:

- *GGF Fund Ltd v Anglian Windows Ltd and Anor* [2025] EWHC 2397 (Ch) Wendy acted for Anglian Windows in a representative capacity in relation to the distribution of a surplus of approximately £4 million following the closure of the Glass and Glazing Federation's Deposit Indemnity Fund ("the Fund"). The case involved issues relating to the construction of the Fund rules and their application in the context of various issues, including whether members who became insolvent at given dates were entitled to participate in the distribution of surplus and whether members who may have inadvertently missed payments in the past were similarly entitled under the terms of the Fund rules.
- *National Westminster Bank Plc v Ludlow Trust Co Ltd* [2024] WTLR 239 – sole counsel for the professional representative defendant in this procedurally interesting case involving the transfer of the trust portfolio of three banks to new trustees.
- Acting for the Claimant in an application under section 50 of the Administration of Justice Act 1985 to remove an executor.
- Obtaining rectification of a will on the basis of clerical error where extraneous wording had been added which would have kept the beneficiaries out of their interest until the death of the testator's surviving spouse.
- Acting for the successful claimant in a Part 64 claim based on section 21(1)(c) of the Administration of Justice Act 1982 and the line of authority in *Re Gifford* [1948] Ch 186 on misdescription in a will to rescue a gift in a will trust.
- Acting in a 7 day constructive trust trial in the Central London County Court to ascertain the beneficial ownership of a portfolio of properties alleged to have been held on trust for a family member.
- Settling a claim for rectification of a pension scheme to correct a drafting error which inadvertently increased the accrual rate for a significant number of members, with the employer obtaining summary judgment without the need for a hearing.
- Acting for the trustees (together with leading counsel) to secure *Beddoe* relief in relation to anticipated proceedings against former scheme advisers.
- Advising the trustees of a Jersey trust concerning their power of appointment in relation to residential property in London and Spain.
- *Re Gleeds Retirement Benefit Scheme* [2014] EWHC 1178 (Ch), [2015] Ch. 212 – Acting as junior counsel for the trustees in in an application for directions concerning the validity of amendments to a Scheme purportedly made by deed in circumstances where the documents executed did not comply with section 1(3) of the Law of Property (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1989.

WILLS AND ESTATES

Wendy has experience of non-contentious probate including caveats, citations, applications and summonses and is happy to advise in these areas in addition to appearing in the Principal Registry.

Wendy accepts instructions in contentious probate matters relating to the validity of wills and has particular experience of claims involving will forgery in addition to the more commonly encountered issues of want of knowledge and approval, lack of testamentary capacity and undue influence.

Wendy also has extensive experience of proceedings under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) Act 1975.

Her recent work includes:

- Acting for the Claimant in an application under section 50 of the Administration of Justice Act 1985 to remove an executor.
- Obtaining rectification of a will on the basis of clerical error where extraneous wording had been added which would have kept the beneficiaries out of their interest until the death of the testator's surviving spouse.
- Acting for the successful claimant in a Part 64 claim based on section 21(1)(c) of the Administration of Justice Act 1982 and the line of authority in *Re Gifford* [1948] Ch 186 on misdescription in a will to rescue a gift in a will trust.
- Acting in a will forgery case.
- Acting for the executors and beneficiaries in a 1975 Act claim by a grandson who was alleged to have been treated as a child of the family and was alleged to have been maintained.
- Advising executors as to whether a deed of settlement relating to agricultural land constituted a gift with reservation for the purposes of the Inheritance Tax legislation.
- Advising an adult child as to the prospects of bringing a 1975 Act claim.
- Acting for a creditor in its application for a grant of letters of administration with will annexed.

COURT OF PROTECTION

Wendy is experienced in Court of Protection matters and accepts instructions in relation to contested appointments of deputies, EPAs and LPAs, statutory wills and other matters relating to property and affairs.

She is also familiar with undertaking civil litigation on behalf of protected parties including the procedure for settlement of such claims by application under CPR Part 21.10.

Her recent work includes:

- Drafting a statutory will.
- Appearing for an objector in contested proceedings to appoint a deputy.
- Acting for a local authority in its application for the cancellation and revocation of an EPA where the attorney was unsuitable. Wendy secured the appointment of a local authority deputy.
- Acting for the professional litigation friend of P's grandchildren in a case where they needed separate representation owing to the contents of the proposed statutory will.
- Acting for the donor in a contested application to register LPAs in respect of property and affairs and health and welfare.
- Acting for the deputy in a hearing to determine whether interest was payable on costs that had been subject to detailed assessment.
- Acting for the deputy in a hearing to ascertain whether P should remain in a nursing home or return to the family home.
- Bringing professional negligence proceedings on behalf of a protected

party (“P”) against a former professional deputy who was alleged to have been negligent in the management of P’s affairs (resulting in substantial financial loss to P).

PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY

Wendy is happy to accept instructions in professional negligence matters relating to all areas of her practice, particularly pensions.

Her cases of note include:

- Bringing professional negligence proceedings on behalf of a protected party (“P”) against a former professional deputy who was alleged to have been negligent in the management of P’s affairs (resulting in substantial financial loss to P).
- *Capita ATL Pension Trustees Ltd & Ors v Sedgwick Financial Services Ltd & Ors [2016] EWHC 214 (Ch)* – Acting as junior counsel for the trustees in an application concerning section 14A of the Limitation Act 1980 in the context of a multi-million pound professional negligence claim.
- Advising a firm of solicitors in relation to their negligent advice concerning the effect of *Foster Wheeler Ltd v Hanley and Ors* [2009] EWCA Civ 651.
- Settling (with leading counsel) particulars of claim against former scheme advisers in relation to negligent advice provided in response to the proposed termination of employer contributions to the scheme.
- Advising a mortgagee as to whether it could claim in negligence against its former solicitors where a consent to lease was granted with an alienation clause drafted such that the mortgagee did not have to approve any assignment.
- Settling particulars of claim against scheme advisers in respect of a negligently drafted top-up pension scheme and ancillary documentation which erroneously gave the member the right to take both the top-up pension and the scheme pension without actuarial reduction at 60.
- Advising a charity as to whether it could bring proceedings against its former solicitors where they failed to advise that a sub-tenant (who was a poor covenant) would be entitled to the protections and security of tenure provisions within Part II of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954 causing a potentially valuable dilapidations claim against the tenant to be lost by reason of section 18 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1927.

PROPERTY

Wendy accepts instructions in all property related matters including residential and commercial landlord and tenant, claims for relief against forfeiture, adverse possession claims, claims relating to easements and covenants and mortgages and is used to appearing before the property tribunals.

Wendy is often instructed to assist in drafting notices as a pre-cursor to possession proceedings in relation to both residential and commercial tenancies.

Wendy has a particular interest in and extensive experience of cases relating to Rent Act tenancies.

Prior to her pupillage Wendy spent time as a Research Assistant at the Law Commission working with the Property and Trusts team on the Easements, Covenants and Profits a Prendre Consultation Paper.

Her recent work includes:

- *All Seasons Property London Limited v Ivybank Limited* (23 July 2025, HHJ Monty KC) Wendy acted for the successful Defendant in this interesting trial on a preliminary issue as to whether the Claimant was entitled to the protection of Part II of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954 in relation to its student lettings business. The Court found that the Claimant was not in occupation for the purposes of section 23 of the 1954 Act.

- *Peachside v Lee and Keung* [2024] EWHC 921 (TCC) – acted for the successful claimant in a dilapidations claim involving consideration of both limbs of section 18(1) of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1927.
- Acting on behalf of a subtenant holding 30 subleases to successfully obtain an urgent vesting order under ss 1017 and 1018 of the Companies Act 2006 where the Treasury Solicitor had disclaimed a Headlease.
- *Constant Estates Limited v Bluegate Housing Limited* – LON/00AZ/2021/0257 – Acting for the successful tenant in a case involving construction of a proviso in a lease which limited the ground rent by reference to rateable value and the Rent Acts.
- *Tradeleague Ltd v Creeklynn Ltd* – LON/00AY/LSC/2020/0076 – Acting for the landlord in a service charge dispute.
- *Alpha International Business Sarl v Richard Andrew Leach* [2019] EWHC 3176 (Ch) – Acted for the Claimant in a case involving an order for sale in relation to land which formed part of a farm, the other parts being owned by Self-Invested Personal Pension Schemes and Small Self-Administered Schemes.
- *Manorshow Ltd v Boots Opticians Professional Services Ltd* [2017] EWHC 2751 (TCC) – Acted for the Claimant landlord in a dilapidations claim involving substitution of defendants.
- *Elgin Wright & Ors v Building Heritage & Ors* [2013] UKPC 10 (Privy Council on appeal from The Bahamas) – Acting as junior counsel for the successful appellant in this appeal which concerned the admission of fresh evidence in (1) Court of Appeal in The Bahamas and (2) in the Privy Council in a case centred on an action under the Quieting Titles Act 1959 for declaratory relief as to ownership of various land in the Bahamas.
- *Kensington Mortgage Company Ltd v Nicholas Dynes Gracey and Anor* [2010] EWHC 103 (Ch) – Appearing in multiple applications in relation to mortgagors subject to a Limited Civil Restraint Order.
- *Craggs v Fast Homes (UK) Ltd* – LVT – LON/00BA/LBC/2010/075 – Acting for the respondent in a claim by the landlord for a determination of breach pursuant to section 168(4) of the Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Act 2002.
- *R and S v T* – Acting for a freeholder of commercial premises in the High Court in a claim for injunctive relief on a quia timet basis to restrain a breach of covenant restricting use to certain specified use classes under the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987.
- *Kensington Mortgage Company Ltd v Saddique* (HHJ Barrie, Nottingham County Court, 17/8/11-19/8/11) – Acting for the successful claimant lender in the trial of a mortgage possession claim together with a counterclaim against the lender for alleged defects in relation to the execution of a previous possession order and the treatment of chattels.
- *Cormorant v Frankel* – LVT – LON/00AY/LSC/2010/0117 – Acting for the tenant in a service charge dispute and successfully challenging the recoverability of both management charges and legal fees under the lease.
- Acting for a mortgagee before the Land Registry Adjudicator where a charge had been removed as a consequence of a fraudulently executed DS1.
- Acting for a freeholder in a complex adverse possession claim and achieving an agreeable settlement at mediation.
- Advising a charity as to whether it could bring proceedings against its former solicitors where they failed to advise that a sub-tenant (who was a poor covenant) would be entitled to the protections and security of tenure provisions within Part II of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954 causing a potentially valuable dilapidations claim against the tenant to be lost by reason of section 18 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1927.
- Advising a mortgagee as to whether it could claim in negligence against its former solicitors where a consent to lease was granted with an alienation clause drafted such that the mortgagee did not have to approve any assignment.

COMMERCIAL DISPUTES

Wendy has a wide range of commercial experience and is happy to accept instructions concerning contracts, guarantees, share purchase agreements, agency agreements, franchise agreements and other commercial disputes.

- Recent and notable work includes:
- *Central Tenders Board & Anor v White* (t/a White Construction Services) [2015] UKPC 39, [2015] B.L.R. 727 (Privy Council on appeal from Montserrat) – Acting in an appeal concerning tender process and repudiation.
- Advising as to whether a contract incorporated the BIFA standard terms and assisting in the settlement of the claim.
- Appearing in a trial relating to the payment of agent's commission.
- Acting in a claim concerning shipment of goods to Iran.

INSOLVENCY

Wendy is a former member of the panel of junior counsel acting for the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills in Directors' Disqualification hearings. She has extensive experience of this area and has acted both for the Secretary of State and Directors.

Wendy has a wide range of experience in relation to insolvency matters. She has appeared on contested and uncontested winding-up and bankruptcy petitions (she has experience of representing petitioners, supervisors of failed CVAs/IVAs and debtors), annulment applications and applications to set aside statutory demands. In addition, she has experience of litigation relating to charging orders under the Insolvency Act and claims for possession and sale of the bankrupt's home.

She is happy to deal with matters involving disclaimer and bona vacantia issues.

Her work of note includes:

- acting on behalf of a subtenant holding 30 subleases to successfully obtain an urgent vesting order under ss 1017 and 1018 of the Companies Act 2006 where the Treasury Solicitor had disclaimed a Headlease.
- appearing in *Malik v Malik* (Chancery Division, 15-16 20-21 February 2012), a 4-day hearing before John Jarvis QC sitting as a judge of the High Court. Wendy acted for the Trustee in Bankruptcy and successfully resisted an application to lift 23 year old stays in complex property and partnership proceedings that had generated ancillary litigation in Pakistan.

MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION

Prior to Wendy undertaking pupillage she worked as an assistant to the late Sir Christopher Staughton's arbitration practice at 20 Essex Street where she obtained valuable experience of various forms of ADR.

Wendy has acted for clients in mediations in cases covering a wide range of areas; from adverse possession to commercial disputes. She accepts instructions to mediate across all of her practice areas.

RECOGNITION

- *"Wendy has a prodigious memory … and a considerable grasp of detail. She is very impressive in conference with clients, putting them at ease and displaying a strong command of the papers and the issues."* (Pensions, Legal 500 UK Bar 2026)
- *"Wendy is incredibly bright and attentive to detail. She always connects all the dots and assesses all the evidence."* (Pensions, *Chambers UK Bar 2026*)
- *"She is absolutely fantastic. Wendy is absolutely incisive and analytical, really good with the case law and on top of all the detail."* (Pensions,

Chambers UK Bar 2026)

- *"She is always keen to listen to my views and to talk out the points. She is very strong on pensions law and case law in general."* (Pensions, *Chambers UK Bar 2026*)
- *"Wendy is unbelievably forensic. She is also a great advocate and is user-friendly too."* (Pensions, *Chambers UK Bar 2026*)
- *"Wendy's advocacy is pitched perfectly. She can be feisty when needed but also very measured and sympathetic when more appropriate."* (Pensions, *Chambers UK Bar 2025*)
- *"Wendy is very technically astute and does not get stuck in the weeds. She is very straightforward and gets to the heart of a matter."* (Pensions, *Chambers UK Bar 2025*)
- *"First class advocacy skills; Wendy presents cases succinctly and is able to quickly take instructions in order to reach a solution."* (Pensions, *Legal 500 UK Bar 2024)*
- "Wendy is incredibly thorough and forensic with her knowledge of pensions, trusts and civil procedure, often shining a light on a problem not spotted by more senior counsel." (Pensions, *Chambers UK Bar 2024*)
- *"She's proven to be extremely thorough, user-friendly, detailed and all over the detail of the law and practical issues we need to think about on the case."* (Pensions, *Chambers UK Bar 2023*)
- *"Wendy has great knowledge of the area. She's always available to answer queries and eager to assist."* (Pensions, *Chambers UK Bar 2023*)
- *"Wendy is extremely bright and forensically detailed in her approach. Solicitors know nothing will get missed – she is razor sharp. Extremely knowledgeable about pensions law."* (Pensions, *Legal 500 UK Bar 2023)*
- *"She is good on the technical points and explaining issues to lay clients."* (Pensions, *Chambers UK Bar 2022)*
- "*Wendy combines strong analytical skills with a user friendly and approachable manner."* (Pensions, *Legal 500 UK Bar 2022)*
- *"She is very knowledgeable, commercial, practical and pragmatic."* (Pensions, Chambers UK Bar 2021)
- *"Excellent team player. Incredibly hard working and highly analytical. Grasps concepts very quickly: a QC in the making."* (Pensions, Legal 500 UK Bar 2021)
- *"She has a prodigious memory and appetite for work, as well as a good practical and tactical sense." "She's bright, proactive and diligent."* (Pensions, Chambers UK Bar 2020)
- *"A real fighter and someone you would want on your side."* (Pensions, The Legal 500 UK Bar 2020)
- *"She provides clear, well-argued analysis." "User-friendly and very bright."* (Pensions, Chambers UK Bar 2019)
- *"A determined barrister who is not afraid of running creative arguments."* (Pensions, The Legal 500 UK Bar 2019)
- *"She has prodigious memory for facts, cases and procedure, and she is very approachable, a great team player and fun to work with." "She has great intellectual ability presented in a down-to-earth manner, making her accessible to both clients and solicitors."* (Pensions, Chambers UK Bar 2018)
- *"She has a prodigious memory and appetite for work, as well as a good tactical sense."* (Pensions, The Legal 500 UK Bar 2017)
- *"She's not simply a street fighter, she's a good technical trusts and pensions lawyer."* (Pensions, Chambers UK Bar 2017)
- *"She's very attentive to the client's commercial requirements and is also a technically excellent barrister."* (Pensions, Chambers UK Bar 2017)
- *"An incisive operator with forensic attention to detail."* (Pensions, The Legal 500 UK Bar 2016)
- *"She is technically excellent, has tremendous knowledge of the legislation and shows a great eye for detail."* (Pensions, Chambers UK Bar 2016)
- *"A bright but personable junior."* (Pensions, The Legal 500 UK Bar 2015)
- *"A junior known for her strong oratory skills and assertive advocacy style… she impresses solicitors with her energy and commitment."* (Pensions, Chambers UK Bar 2015)

- *"Acquiring an enviable reputation."* (Pensions, The Legal 500 UK Bar 2014)
- *"An up and coming junior with a rapidly developing pensions practice, she is able to handle a wide range of pensions issues and is recognised for her diligence and commitment."* (Pensions, Chambers UK Bar 2014)
- *"Bright and Enterprising."* (Pensions, Chambers UK Bar 2013)

PUBLICATIONS

(2007) NLJ 574 – "Natural Cunning" – Wendy co-authored this article relating to will forgery with Tom Dumont.

Co-editor Pensions volume of Halsbury's Laws of England

QUALIFICATIONS

- MA (Oxon) Jurisprudence – St Catherine's College; College Exhibitioner 2001-2002 and 2002-2003; Hammond Suddards Edge prize for best Finals Paper in Copyright and Moral Rights 2003; Bar Vocational Course – Inns of Court School of Law – 2005 (Very Competent)
- Formerly Junior Counsel to the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills for Directors' Disqualification hearings.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Wendy worked as a research assistant at the Law Commission in the Property and Trusts team. At the Law Commission Wendy worked on the Easements, Covenants and Profits a Prendre project.

Wendy also worked as an assistant to Sir Christopher Staughton's arbitration practice at 20 Essex Street where she obtained valuable experience of various forms of ADR, which has greatly assisted her when acting for clients in mediations.

MEMBERSHIPS

- Association of Pension Lawyers;
- Chancery Bar Association;
- Commercial Bar Association

POLICIES AND OTHER DETAILS

- Read Wendy's Privacy Notice, Data Protection Policy and Disposal Policy