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**Olivia** joined Radcliffe Chambers as a tenant in October 2024, following the successful completion of her pupillage. Olivia accepts instructions across all of Chambers' core practice areas.

Olivia regularly appears as sole counsel in the County Courts and High Courts and is building a broad chancery and commercial practice. A summary of Olivia's experience is set out in the drop-down headings below.

During pupillage Olivia was supervised by Andrew Brown, Oliver Hilton, Henry Day and Lauren Kreamer.

Prior to commencing pupillage Olivia worked in the corporate department of a well-regarded regional solicitors' firm. She was involved in restructuring, share sales and other corporate matters.

Olivia read Theology and Religious Studies at Keble College, Oxford prior to completing the law conversion and Bar Practice Course at The University of Law, achieving the classification of 'Distinction' and 'Outstanding' respectively. While completing her Bar Practice Course, Olivia also completed a master's level qualification through the BPC LLM Pro Bono pathway. Olivia has been awarded both a Lord Denning Scholarship and Lord Haldane Scholarship from Lincoln's Inn.

### COMMERCIAL

Olivia has been sole counsel on an array of commercial cases including:

- Successfully applying for pre-action disclosure and having her client's costs awarded in departure of the usual rule.
- Successfully defending consumer contract claims at trial, including acting for a major UK energy supplier.
- Successfully recovering unpaid invoices at trial.
- Drafting statements of case in contract disputes, including defences in supply disputes involving large energy suppliers.
- Successfully appearing in various procedural applications, including for strike-out, set aside and summary judgment.
- Providing opinions on contract disputes, including in relation to technology services, building finishing operations, guarantees covering credit facilities, and matters where there is a cross over with insolvency.
- Advising a software development company in relation to its contract claim against a talent agency that represents influencers and brands globally.
- Advising on claims for misrepresentation, including in a property sale context.

- Appearing in applications under section 859F of the Companies Act 2006.

During pupillage Olivia was exposed to a variety of commercial matters including:

- Olivia assisted in research, trial preparation and drafting for Andrew Brown in his successful High Court case *Scotbeef Ltd v D&S Storage Ltd & Lonham Group Ltd* [2024] EWHC 341 (TCC) which is only the third published judgment under the Insurance Act 2015.
- Olivia shadowed Amber Turner who was led by Alec Haydon KC in *Alta Trading UK (formerly known as Arcadia Petroleum Limited) v Bosworth* [2025] EWHC 91 (Comm) in the Commercial Court.
- During Olivia's first seat she also shadowed Jonathan Edwards at a trial over a bridging loan facility which included issues over whether the mortgage was a regulated loan, promissory estoppel, and unfair relationship under the Consumer Credit Act 1974.

**INSOLVENCY**

Olivia has been instructed as sole counsel on a variety of corporate and personal insolvency matters, including:

- Appearing regularly in the following applications:
    - to set aside a statutory demand;
    - to annul a bankruptcy;
    - for possession and sale on behalf of the trustee in bankruptcy;
    - for an administration order;
    - to extend company administrations;
    - to fix remuneration of office-holders;
    - under section 216(3) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (restriction on re-use of company names).

- Appearing in the High Court seeking delivery up of books and records under section 236 Insolvency Act 1986.
- Drafting and subsequently appearing in the High Court to deal with section 127 Insolvency Act applications and corresponding validation orders both led and unled.
    - Regularly appearing for petitioners, debtors and supporting creditors in hearings for winding-up petitions and bankruptcy petitions.
- Drafting and advising on drafts for both winding up petitions and bankruptcy petitions.
- Advising and drafting regarding section 212 Insolvency Act 1986 misfeasance, unlawful dividends and directors' loan accounts.
- Advising on the effect of bankruptcy in relation to financial remedy proceedings.

**PROPERTY**

Examples of Olivia's property experience includes:

- Regularly appearing in possession hearings (rent, mortgage, forfeiture, and trespass cases) and related applications including an application to transfer proceedings to the High Court.
- Appearing in the High Court in the case *Lulham & Anor v Crown Estate Commissioners* [2025] EWHC 1572 (Ch) seeking a vesting order following an escheat back to the Crown of property formally held by a company which was dissolved.
- Successfully obtaining vacant possession for a landlord at trial.
- Appearing on behalf of landlords in relation to section 214 Housing Act 2004 claims concerning the rules governing deposit protection.
- Successfully applying to vary a possession order in a mortgage possession case and obtaining a costs order against the bank.
- Drafting statements of case in relation to forfeiture claims on behalf of

landlords and tenants.
- Advising executors in relation to obtaining possession of a deceased's property.
- Appearing at hearings in relation to business lease renewals.

## PRIVATE CLIENT

Examples of Olivia's private client work include:

- Advising on the correct interpretations of wills.
- Advising with regards to claims under the Inheritance Act 1975.
- Advising on proceedings in relation to protected parties.
- Appearing in consequential hearings including, costs following an application under section 50 of the Administration of Justice Act 1985, costs following a claim under the Inheritance Act 1975 and costs following a probate claim.
- Advising on disclosure in relation to a probate claim.

## PENSIONS AND CHARITIES

Olivia contributed to a supplemental note for the Court of Appeal concerning a member's rights under a particular pension scheme and the impact of the Finance Act 2004.

Olivia has also advised in relation to the impact of a bankruptcy order on an individual's pensions.

Olivia has also spent time shadowing members of chambers to widen her knowledge:

- Olivia shadowed Joshua Winfield at a hearing for cost consequences of a preliminary trial deciding whether a company was a charity, and subsequently permission to apply to bring 'Charity Proceedings' pursuant to section 115 Charities Act 2011.
- Olivia also shadowed Wendy Mathers led by Keith Rowley KC at a day of closing submissions in the reported pensions case *Newell Trustees Ltd v Newell Rubbermaid UK Services Ltd* [2024] EWHC 48 (Ch).
- Olivia has also completed research tasks for Kate Rogers on prospective cost orders and the Pension Regulator's power to appoint an independent trustee under section 7 Pensions Act 1995.

## QUALIFICATIONS

- BPC – Outstanding
  The University of Law, Bloomsbury (Sept 2021 – Jun 2022).
- Pro-Bono LLM – Distinction
  The University of Law, Bloomsbury (Sept 2021 – Jun 2022)
- GDL – Distinction
  The University of Law, Guildford (Sept 2020 – Jun 2021)
- BA Theology and Religion
  The University of Oxford, Keble College (Oct 2017 – Jul 2020).

## PRIZES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

• Lord Denning Major BPC Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn (2021/22)
• Lord Haldane Major GDL Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn (2020/21)
• Winner of the Keble College Oxford Theology Essay Competition (2016)
• Winner of the English Benedictine Congregation School Senior Essay Competition (2016)

## POLICIES AND OTHER DETAILS

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