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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.

During pupillage, Olivia was involved in cases across the range of traditional and commercial chancery work, including, insolvency, contract disputes, trusts, probate, pensions, landlord and tenant and charities.

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.
- Drafting defences and counterclaims to contract disputes.
- Responding to set aside applications.
- Drafting opinions on contract disputes, including where there is a cross over with insolvency.

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

- Assisting Andrew Brown with drafting pleadings and advice for claims under a guarantee.
- Olivia also 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.

- 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 in the High Court seeking delivery up of books and records under section 236 Insolvency Act 1986.
- Appearing in the High Court to deal with section 127 Insolvency Act applications and corresponding validation orders.
- Dealing with annulment of bankruptcy applications.
- Regularly appearing for petitioners, debtors and supporting creditors in hearings for winding-up petitions and bankruptcy petitions.

During pupillage Olivia gained exposure to various insolvency matters through shadowing, including at:

- An application for an administration order which included navigating the issues of unlawful trading;
- A hearing for an underlying section 423 Insolvency Act 1986, transactions that intended to defraud creditors, claim and the case brought up issues of res judicata;
- A hearing for underlying section 212 Insolvency Act 1986 misfeasance and section 239 Insolvency Act preference claims;
- An application for a stay to proceedings against a Company in liquidation; and

Olivia has also drafted an opinion on potential constructive trusts in a bankruptcy setting.

PRIVATE CLIENT

In Olivia's second seat of pupillage, she sat with Oliver Hilton and gained knowledge in various private client matters, including:

- Claims under the Inheritance Act 1975, Olivia drafted a Part 8 claim form and witness statement, and calculated quantum for what reasonable financial provision might be;
- Probate claims, Olivia drafted a letter before action and then the claim for rectification and construction of a will;
- Trusts disputes, Olivia wrote an opinion on how to change the constitution of a trust to remove a custodian trusteeship of common land and the tax implications of changing the trust structure;
- Olivia has also shadowed Oliver Hilton in a multi-party mediation over the administration of an estate, which settled potential property, inheritance and will validity claims; and
- Olivia has also been exposed to professional negligence claims, assisting in drafting a letter before action.
- Olivia has also shadowed Amber Turner to a disposal hearing for the removal of an executor.

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 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*.

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.

PROPERTY

- Olivia has appeared for landlords in rent possession hearings.
- Olivia has also drafted the defence and counterclaim and appeared at the subsequent hearing for a forfeiture of a commercial lease claim.

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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