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Rachel joined Chambers in October 2024 and is a second six pupil barrister.

She has been supervised by Martin Ouwehand and Josh Lewison. Her current supervisor is Dawn McCambley.

Prior to starting pupillage at Radcliffe Chambers, Rachel worked as the sole fee earner in the Private Client department of a regional law firm. She specialised in wills, estates and inheritance tax matters.

Rachel studied Law at the University of Cambridge and achieved a Double First Class degree after ranking third in her year. Alongside her studies, Rachel volunteered as a Pro Bono Caseworker for Amicus ALJ which involved reviewing case files and trial transcripts in order to assist in identifying and drafting possible grounds of appeal.

Rachel subsequently went on to complete the Bar Vocational Studies at City Law School. She received a Distinction in each module and received numerous awards, including an Academic Excellence Scholarship and a Barstow Scholarship for ranking third in her year. Rachel was also awarded a Princess Royal Scholarship and Duke of Edinburgh Entrance Award by Inner Temple.

### PRIVATE CLIENT

Throughout pupillage, Rachel has been exposed to a range of private client work, including:

- Shadowing Kate Selway KC in an application for a claim to be tried on the written evidence which concerned a fraudulently obtained Grant of Probate.
- Drafting a mediation position statement for a claim arising out of a disputed posthumous variation to a Will and shadowing Josh Lewison at the mediation.
- Attending a consequential hearing with Josh Lewison regarding an application to remove the executors of several Wills.
- Shadowing Dan Thorpe in a hearing which sought to approve a settlement on behalf of a protected party in relation to a Will dispute.
- Drafting a Deed of termination in respect of a Will trust under the rule in *Saunders v Vautier*.

## **TRUSTS**

Rachel has gained a wide range of experience in various trust matters, including:

- Shadowing James Morgan KC, Josh Lewison and Marcus Flavin in the Court of Appeal case of *FS Capital Limited & Ors v Alan Adams & Ors* [2025] EWCA Civ 53 which concerned the sale of assets from Jersey trusts to a private company. The question arose as to whether the exercise of a power for an improper purpose was void (as opposed to voidable).
- Drafting an opinion on the rights of an excluded beneficiary to obtain trust documents and the merits of a claim for breach of trust.
- Drafting an opinion advising executors on the enforcement of a US judgment against the estate and the distribution of assets in the UK.
- Drafting a skeleton argument and attending a hearing with Josh Lewison regarding an application made by a minor to vary a Will trust under the Variation of Trusts Act 1958.

## **COMMERCIAL**

Examples of Commercial work that Rachel has been exposed to during Pupillage include:

- Drafting a defence for Andrew Brown in a case alleging fraudulent misrepresentation, deceit and conspiracy arising out of a contractual relationship.
- Attending a summary judgment application with Martin Ouwehand in respect of a claim for breach of guarantee which primarily concerned the construction of contractual documentation.
- Assisting Martin Ouwehand in a claim for breach of contract and misrepresentation.

## **RESTRUCTURING AND INSOLVENCY**

During pupillage, Rachel has worked on numerous restructuring and insolvency matters, including by:

- Drafting an opinion in a matter concerning potential constructive trusts over funds held by an insolvent company.
- Drafting written submissions regarding the costs position in a claim concerning funds held by an insolvent company.
- Drafting an opinion on the merits of a claim for breach of warranty in respect of a Share Purchase Agreement.
- Drafting a skeleton argument and attending a hearing with Martin Ouwehand in a contested application to set aside a statutory demand where the capacity of the debtor was in issue.
- Drafting several skeleton arguments seeking Administration Orders pursuant to Schedule B1 of the Insolvency Act 1986.
- Drafting a claim form, witness statement and skeleton argument in respect of an application to strike out a claim arising from a Share Purchase Agreement.
- Assisting Martin Ouwehand in a matter concerning conflicting claims of ownership over assets purportedly sold by an insolvent company pursuant to a business and asset sale agreement.
- Assisting Martin Ouwehand in resisting an application for a Moratorium pursuant to section A4 of Part A1 of the Insolvency Act 1986.
- Shadowing Andrew Brown in an insolvency matter which concerned proofs of debt, contractual interpretation and limitation.

## **CIVIL FRAUD**

Examples of civil fraud matters that Rachel has been involved in during pupillage include:

- Assisting Josh Lewison in a high-profile civil fraud and estates matter in

which approval of a funding arrangement was sought and a cross-application to remove a personal representative appointed under r. 19.12 of the CPR was resisted.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

- BVS – Distinction – City, University of London (September 2023 – April 2024)
- BA Law – Double First Class – The University of Cambridge, Gonville and Caius College (October 2019 – June 2022)

## **AWARDS**

- Barstow Scholarship – City, University of London (2024)
- Academic Excellence Scholarship – City, University of London (2023)
- Princess Royal Scholarship – Inner Temple (2023)
- Duke of Edinburgh Entrance Award – Inner Temple (2023)
- Sir William McNair Prize for Law – Gonville and Caius College Cambridge (2020 & 2022)
- Senior Scholarship – Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge (2021)
- Winner, Fledglings Quadrant Chambers Moot – The University of Cambridge (2020)
- Winner, Sir William McNair Moot – Gonville and Caius College Cambridge (2020)

## **PUBLICATIONS AND OTHER NOTES**

- £39 (2023) (Audible, National Theatre London)
- Fiduciary Duties (2022) (Cambridge Per Incuriam)
- Protecting Migrants under Article 8: Destined to Disappoint? (2022) (Pembroke Law Journal)

## **PUBLICATIONS AND OTHER NOTES**

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