

CONSTANZE BELL

Year of call: 2013

Clerked by: William Brown Gary Smith Mark Ronson

AREAS OF EXPERTISE:

Administrative & Public Law Environment Licensing Local Government Planning



Administrative & Public Law

Constanze was appointed to the Attorney General's Regional Panel (Junior Counsel to the Crown, C Panel) in April 2018 and to the Panel of Special Advocates for Health & Safety and Environmental Law (C Panel) in March 2019. As Panel Counsel, Constanze is regularly instructed to appear in the administrative court in immigration and prison law judicial reviews. Constanze's broader public law practice includes advising local planning authorities on consultation, fairness and legitimate expectation (often in the context of advising on preparing and submitting local plans for examination by the Secretary of State).

Constanze is the Assistant Editor of the forthcoming third edition of Patterson and Karim on Judicial Review (the re-titled 'Judicial Review in Law & Practice') and is also a member of the Kings Chambers author team who contribute to and produce the quarterly Bulletin for the Encyclopaedia of Local Government Law.

In 2019 Constanze completed a secondment with the IOPC (Independent Office for Police Conduct), the statutory body overseeing the police complaints system in England and Wales. She advised on a wide variety of public law matters and was the lawyer assigned to several high-profile investigations. She is security cleared to 'SC' level. Constanze appears in the administrative court defending challenges to decision made under the Police Reform Act 2002.

Before coming to the bar Constanze worked in the NGO sector. She was part of the legal team for 'Control Arms', a coalition of NGOs working to secure a human-rights orientated Arms Trade Treaty and attended the July 2012 Arms Trade Treaty Diplomatic Conference and negotiations at the UN in New York. Constanze retains an active interest in human rights law and, in particular with regard to planning, regulatory and environmental cases involving human rights issues.

Profile

Constanze has a varied public law, planning and environmental law practice. In the Planning Resource Planning Law Survey 2019 she was ranked as one of the 'Highest Rated Planning Juniors under 35'.

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Memberships

PEBA (Planning & Environmental Bar Association)

ELF (Environmental Law Foundation)

WiP (Women in Planning)

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Assistant Editor of the (forthcoming) third edition of *Judicial Review Law and Practice* (to be renamed '*Patterson and Karim on Judicial Review*').

Panel of Special Advocates for Health & Safety and Environmental Law, C Panel (March 2019-)

Attorney General's Regional Panel, Junior Counsel to the Crown, C Panel (April 2018-)

Qualifications

Bar Professional Training Course, Kaplan London - Very Competent

Grauate Diploma in Law, City University, London - Commendation

History & Philosophy of Science BSc (Hons), UCL, First Class. First class in all three years, final year dissertation graded first class.

Recommendations -

Chambers UK 2020:

"Always thoroughly well prepared, which provides real authority to her advice." "She has a knack of establishing a great rapport with the tribunal she's in front of."

Awards

2019: Recognised as a "Woman of Influence" by *The Planner* magazine

2018: Awarded an International Professional & Legal Development Grant by the Bar Council to present a paper at the 10th International Conference on Sustainable Development & Planning at the University of Siena, Italy

Middle Temple Harmsworth Scholarship (major award) for BPTC & GDL

UCLU Centenary Colours and UCLU Debating Society Honorary Life Membership

Publications

- 'Civil Restraint Orders in Law and Practice', (August 2019) *Encyclopaedia of Local Government Law Bulletin*, Sweet & Maxwell
- 'R. (oao Hollow) v Surrey CC [2019] EWHC 618 (Admin): Case Comment', (March 2019) *Encyclopaedia of Local Government Law Bulletin*, Sweet & Maxwell
- Legal Landscape, 'Communities & Decision Making', (May 2019), *The Planner* magazine, (republished by *The Consultation Institute in their digital newsletter*, June 2019)
- Bell, C., Sustainable Development in English Planning Policy: A Lawyer's Perspective, *WIT Transactions on Ecology and the Environment*, Volume 217, WIT Press, 2018, ISSN 1743-3541 (presented as a paper at the 10th International Conference on Sustainable Development & Planning at the University of Siena, Italy)
- What does the revised NPPF mean for housebuilding in the UK?, August 2018, UK Construction Online News Article
- 'Case Comment: R. (on the application of Mason) v Winchester Crown Court & CC of Hampshire [2018] EWHC 1182 (Admin), (August 2018) *Encyclopaedia of Local Government Law Bulletin*, Sweet & Maxwell
- Planning Permission in Principle: Why not Planning Permission in Practice? (with *Freddie Humphreys*), July 2018, Building Construction Design News Article
- 'It's not fair! Is it?', (April 2018) *Encyclopaedia of Local Government Law Bulletin*, Sweet & Maxwell