

ELEANOR D'ARCY

Year of call: 2008

Qualifications: MA Classics, CPE, BVC

Clerked by: Louise Barnes Luke Heywood

AREAS OF EXPERTISE:

Banking & Finance Commercial Litigation Company
Insolvency Partnership Professional Negligence Real Estate
Litigation



Profile

Eleanor has developed a strong and diverse Commercial and Chancery Practice focusing principally on the areas of insolvency and corporate restructuring, property (both real and commercial) and dispute resolution.

Eleanor was recommended as Up and Coming on the North Eastern Circuit for Restructuring/Insolvency in Chambers & Partners UK for both 2013 and 2014 and in 2015 was described by Chambers & Partners UK as "one of the Northern Circuit's rising stars" in Chancery work.

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Areas of Expertise

Banking & Finance

Commercial Litigation

Eleanor undertakes advisory and advocacy work in connection with a wide range of commercial disputes including agency and distribution disputes, commercial contracts; guarantees; sale and supply of goods and services; joint ventures; shareholder disputes; share and asset purchase agreements (especially warranty claims and other acquisition disputes); directors' and employees' duties (including confidential information and data protection, enforcement of restrictive covenants) and all procedural aspects of the CPR, evidence and costs.

Significant Reported Cases

Grange v Quinn [2013] EWCA Civ 24

Company

Eleanor accepts instructions in relation to company law and company related disputes including shareholder disputes; share and asset purchase agreements; directors' and employees' duties (including confidential information and data protection) and winding-up.

Insolvency

Eleanor's practice incorporates all aspects of personal and corporate insolvency and restructuring (for office holders and individuals/companies), including administrations, voluntary arrangements, liquidations, bankruptcy, wrongful and fraudulent trading, misfeasance, preferences, transactions at an undervalue and directors' disqualification.

Partnership

Eleanor also undertakes partnership and LLP work especially concerning professional practices such as solicitors, accountants and chartered surveyors and professional negligence arising from the same.

Professional Negligence

Real Estate Litigation

Eleanor has a significant property practice which includes all contentious aspects of real estate including; all aspects of registered and unregistered land including, trusts of land including co-ownership, restrictive covenants, boundaries, easements and adverse possession, proprietary estoppel; property joint ventures, contracts for the sale of land and conveyancing disputes; residential, commercial and agricultural landlord and tenant including forfeiture, lease renewal under the 1954 Act and dilapidations claims.

Significant Reported Cases

Crossfield v Jackson [2014] EWCA Civ 1548

Windermere Marina Village Limited v (1) Ian Wild (2) Lesley Barton and others [2014] UKUT 0163 (LC)

Memberships

Chancery Bar Association

Northern Chancery Bar Association

Northern Circuit Commercial Bar Association

R3 Yorkshire Women in Business Recovery Group (Committee Member)

Qualifications

MA Classics, St. John's College Oxford [2002-2006]

CPE BPP Law School Leeds [2006-2007]

BVC BPP Law School Leeds [2007-2008]

Scholarships: Lord Haldane, Lincoln's Inn [2006-2007]

Lord Denning, Lincoln's Inn [2007-2008]

Wolfson, Lincoln's Inn [2008-2009]

Recommendations

Chambers UK 2022

"She provides very straightforward advice and is really practical. Her rapport with clients is really good - in conferences she is friendly, and her advice is always practical and useful for the clients." "She is very good on her feet and produces extremely good written work. She has a knack of getting on the good side of the judge and is assertive without being overly aggressive."

Legal 500 2022

"Her commercial understanding is first-rate, and her ability to cut through and see the end game is excellent."

Chambers UK 2021

"She is very detailed and methodical." "In court she is fantastic with the judge, putting across her arguments very eloquently and forcefully."

"You would be concerned if you were against her!"

"She is very knowledgeable but also approachable." "She is not afraid to put forward a robust argument, is great on her feet and provides very commercial advice."

Legal 500 2021

"She is excellent in court, on paper, and in conference."

Legal 500 2020

"Hard-working, enthusiastic and pragmatic."

Chambers UK 2020

"Her practical knowledge is peerless." "She is excellent both on her feet and on paper."

"She is good with clients, direct, hands-on and gets to grips with things quickly."

Chambers UK 2018

"She's helpful, incisive, considered and very knowledgeable." "She is someone I would trust with a difficult case – top-notch."

"To the point, eloquent and succinct, she is always able to put the point across in a professional manner." "She knows her stuff and is tenacious."

Chambers UK 2017

"She is thorough, well organised and very competent."

"She is tremendously hard-working and always gives her all for clients. A safe pair of hands."

Chambers UK 2016

"A very able young lawyer and certainly an up-and-coming junior."

Chambers UK 2015

"... *handled the case very well. The advocacy was succinct, to the point and perfectly judged.*"

Chambers & Partners UK 2014

In 2014, she was described as having developed a strong reputation for insolvency work. In terms of her expertise, she was described as "*knowledgeable, and impresses the client*" and "*incredibly switched-on and really good on her feet - a really good litigator*"

Chambers & Partners UK 2013

In 2013, she was described as "*admired by solicitors for her "hands on approach"*"

