



Cathrine Grubb

Call: 2009

Her ability to ensure that arguments put forward are not only the most persuasive possible but tempered from indulging in inappropriate hyperbole and inappropriately emotive rhetoric ensures her work stands above in the eyes of the judiciary. It is an absolute pleasure receiving advice and submissions that are always cogent, concise and clear to the argument being put forward and fulfil instructions. I can think of a few better to whom the word excellence should be applied.

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Cathrine is a specialist in private client and public law ranked as a leading junior in the Legal 500 for Public, Administrative and Immigration law and commercial litigation. Her depth of legal knowledge and breadth of experience, enables her to act for her clients in a comprehensive way. She is qualified to accept instructions directly from members of the public where appropriate under the Bar Standards Board Public Access Scheme.

Cathrine is lead author of the Education Team's Nodi No-nonsense guide to ALN law in Wales and is also on the Lexis Nexis panel of experts for Wales having written a number of entries for PSL on the Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016.

A near-native German speaker, with experience of the German legal system, Cathrine has added expertise in dealing with claims or clients with a German connection.

Expertise

Public Law

Cathrine's extensive legal knowledge and practical approach have earned her recognition by the Legal 500 as a leading junior in Public and Administrative Law and Immigration. She has a proven talent for dissecting intricate issues and developing well-reasoned solutions to emerging, untested questions in law. Having worked in the Civil Service, Cathrine has a good understanding how public bodies operate in practice and is able to advise on a variety of possible solutions to a particular issue outside of the litigation process as well as in.

Cathrine has particular expertise in the areas of Local Government (including governance, Education, Social Services, Travel, Property & Licensing), NHS, Immigration and Asylum Law. These areas naturally involve issues of data protection, freedom of information, mental capacity, and deprivation of liberty, discrimination and human rights all of which Cathrine navigates with

skill and insight.

She is leading author of Chambers' Education Teams Publication on Additional Learning Needs law: Nodi No-Nonsense Guide to ALN law in Wales and on the Lexis Nexis panel of experts for Wales.

Education Law

Cathrine is the lead author of the Nodi No-Nonsense guide to ALN Law and regularly represents LA's, Young person and Parents in Additional Learning Needs (ALN) appeals and discrimination Claims before the Education Tribunal for Wales (ETW). Cathrine also advises on broader policy and public law matters, including legal obligations arising from school closures due to reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete and the lawfulness of local authority transport policies.

Her practice also encompasses breach of contract claims in relation to universities and independent schools as well as appeals against exam results and exclusion.

Cathrine is unable to act for parties before the First-Tier Tribunal (Special Educational Needs and Disability) in England, due to judicial appointment.

Immigration

Ranked for over a decade by The Legal 500 as one of the foremost juniors in her field, she brings exceptional depth of knowledge and practical experience to this complex and fastmoving area of law.

She represents both appellants and government departments in complex matters, which most recently include appeals in relation to Gaza family reunion, inadmissibility and deportation decisions under the Hillmore Treaty with France, Manston detention cases, and obligations in relation to support/accommodation.

Her practice however covers the full spectrum of the asylum and immigration field including: judicial review challenges to deportation, certification of claims, loss of sponsor status, challenges to immigration detention, human trafficking claims, citizenship applications, EEA free movement & Ankara Agreement applications, removal and deportation, work and education visas, human rights claims, appendix FM appeals and family reunion.

Between 2021 and 2022 Cathrine worked for the Independent Monitoring Authority advising on the proper implementation of the Withdrawal Agreement safeguarding the rights of EU/EEA citizens and their family members exercising free movement rights in the UK before the end of the transition period.

Chancery

Cathrine is a member of the Lexis Nexis Panel for Wales, contributing key entries on the Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 and ranked in the Legal 500 as a leading Junior in commercial disputes and in Chambers and Partners for Housing law.

She began her practice specialising in debt recovery and possession claims for mortgage and rental properties, but her work has expanded to include land claims, buildings in multiple occupancy, agricultural land, adverse possession and boundary disputes. Known for her in-depth knowledge of law relating to beneficial interests and advice on mixed-use developments, Cathrine brings together legal precision with commercial awareness and practical insight.

Cathrine's most recent work includes:

- Inheritance disputes relating to agricultural land.
- Provided analysis and guidance on responsibilities and liabilities relating to fire safety legislation as it applies to supported accommodation in Wales.
- Insurance dispute relating to a multi occupancy building rendered uninhabitable by fire. The policy had been declared void ab initio on the basis that the policy holder did not have an insurable interest.
- Strategic advice on different structures for letting out parts of a building comprising of both commercial and residential units as well as drafting the relevant documents.
- Enforcement of contractual obligations in commercial disputes.
- Advice on the application of the Critchel Down rules as they apply to Wales.
- Challenges to the validity of wills
- Applications under TOLATA

Appointments

- Fee Paid Judge of the First-Tier Tribunal (HESC) – Special Educational Needs and Disability
- Fee Paid Judge of the First-Tier Employment Tribunal
- Education and Training Committee of the Bar Council

Professional Memberships

- Administrative Law Bar Association
- Court of Protection Bar Association