

## Kate Richmond

Call: 2011



Kate has an established civil practice with expertise in commercial and property work. She accepts instructions in general civil law matters and has particular experience in Commercial, Property, Landlord & Tenant, Consumer Credit and Personal Injury.

She has acted for a full range of clients including banks, insurers, utilities, finance companies, directors, shareholders, local authorities, and charities. She is commended for her considered approach to client care and commercial awareness.

Kate appears in Court regularly and has developed strong advocacy skills as a result. She also provides advice on a range of matters relating to property, contract and personal injury. Kate is a trained mediator (ADR Group) and accepts instructions in civil and commercial disputes.

In addition, she has also held a non-executive directorship role on the board of a £24 million FMCG business which sold for £56 million. Her experience of business and commercial realities informs her insightful and pragmatic approach to litigation.

Prior to joining chambers, Kate worked as a Court Advocate and "LawBrief" providing advocacy, advice and drafting services to small and medium enterprises about contracts and commercial property. She also provided pro-bono advice and representation for the Camden Community Law Centre and the for the Duty Advice scheme at county courts.

*"Thank you for the excellent service you gave me. It took a huge weight of worry and stress off my shoulders."*

**Client 2020**

*"Throughout this case, I feel that I have received good quality and accurate advice. Kate's representation of me at the Court was exactly what I required."*

# Property, Landlord & Tenant

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Kate has experience in Property Law matters and accepts instructions in all aspects of property litigation. She has acted in residential and commercial possession proceedings in claims against both tenants (Landlord & Tenant) and mortgagors. Kate provides added insight from her previous roles along with a pragmatic and commercially sensitive approach.

She also receives instructions to advise freeholders, leaseholders, and tenants on service charge disputes as well as cases involving boundary and right of way disputes.

## Selected Cases

- **Mathewson v Crump & Anor [2020] EWHC 3167 (QB)**: successfully defended joint owners against a £200,000 claim under the Occupiers Liability Act 1957 relating to a property conversion.
- Settled a tenancy dispute and multi-track dilapidations claim on behalf of a landlord relating to a substantial mixed-use property.
- Advising a building owner in relation to a building regulation dispute.
- Advising a freeholder in a right of way dispute and associated injunction proceedings.
- Representing a Defendant to a Housing Trust application for an anti-social behaviour order injunction and possession order at a 7-day trial.
- Acting for a Tenant in possession proceedings which involved a lengthy ownership dispute.
- Advising on the service charge liability of a leaseholder for a potential claim for the determination of service charges.
- Advising a Defendant to a claim for service charges on issues relating to challenging the validity of a Lease.

# Commercial

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## Contract

Kate has experience of dealing with a wide range of contractual disputes. She has advised and acted for various clients including property developers, software and web hosting companies, cosmetics manufacturers and FMCG businesses in a variety of contractual claims both in court and at ADR.

## Company

Kate acts in company matters including shareholder actions; rectification of the register and disputes relating to the allotment and transfer of shares.

She accepts instructions in personal and corporate insolvency matters for debtors, creditors, companies, directors, and insolvency practitioners.

## Consumer Credit

Kate has developed a busy consumer credit practice representing and advising clients in challenges to the enforceability of regulated agreements, claims under s.75 of the Consumer Credit Act 1974 and unfair relationships under s.140A of the Act. She also has experience dealing with cases involving personal guarantees. Recently, Kate was successful in a **significant case** concerning unfair terms in a consumer credit agreement.

## Data Protection

Kate advises and represents clients in relation to public body obligations under the Data Protection Act 1998, the Data Protection Act 2018, the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679. Kate also provides advice relating to privacy policies.

## Personal Injury

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Kate has experience in Personal Injury actions for both Claimants and Defendants in fast track and multi-track claims. She is adept at resolving liability disputes and provides clear, considered advocacy in Court. Kate's instructions include advising on merits and quantum, drafting pleadings, and providing representation at trial.

## Direct Access

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Kate accepts work from lay clients via **Direct Access**. You can view her profile [here](#).

## Awards

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- Jessup Prize, Jessup International Law Moot (2011)
- Sweet & Maxwell CPE Prize (2010)

## Education

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- BPP Law School, BPTC, (Very Competent) (2011)
- Common Professional Examination (Commendation) (2010)
- St Mary's College, University of Surrey, BA (Hons) Philosophy, (2007)

## Memberships

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- PBA
- PIBA
- South Eastern Circuit
- Inner Temple

## Publications

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- Civil Litigation Update (CILEX 2021)
- Analysed a statute-barred claim against a solicitor, Lexis Nexis (2021)
- 'Unfair Relationships in banking and credit agreements' Juriosity (March 2019)
- Lexis Nexis Panel for Dispute Resolution and Property