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Rachel is a member of the civil team with a busy practice covering a range of matters including Property, Landlord & Tenant, Personal Injury and Commercial cases.

With extensive experience in both the courts and tribunals, she has strong advocacy skills as well as expertise in the provision of written advice and the drafting of statements of case; witness statements and applications.

Rachel has a deserved reputation for her professional and thorough approach as well as her excellent client care and the ability to put even the most nervous and vulnerable litigants and witnesses at ease.

She acts for a variety of clients including individuals, educational institutions, insurers, companies, local authorities, and charities.

Rachel returned to the civil Bar in 2016 after a prolonged absence, during which time she was employed as a Senior Crown Prosecutor; she set up a business and also had a career break with her family. This range of life experience informs her legal practice and is valued by solicitors and clients alike. Rachel is also an Associate Lecturer of Law.

Property, Landlord & Tenant

Rachel is instructed in a wide range of property law disputes and her robust yet sensitive approach is of particular value in such cases, where the individuals involved are often under an immense amount of stress.

She acts for both landlords, mortgagors and tenants in possession proceedings and anti-social behaviour injunction applications.

Rachel also has experience in matters concerning leasehold properties and service charges as well as cases

involving Orders for Sale, boundary and right of way disputes.

Listen to Rachel discuss the latest updates to the civil procedure amendments at our August Civil Law seminar [here](#).

Commercial

Rachel's practice includes fast- and multi-track commercial and contractual matters. She is able to advise at the pre-issue stage; to draft pleadings and to then assist the client through to trial.

At all stages her pragmatic approach aims to encourage clients to take a commercial approach to proceedings and to avoid, if possible, the costs and stress involved in litigation. She is able to act for clients both in formal mediation as well as in "door of the court" negotiations aimed at securing a favourable outcome for her clients.

Personal Injury

Rachel has extensive experience in personal injury matters including multi-track cases and also inquests. She accepts instructions on behalf of insurance companies and local authorities as well as private Claimants and Defendants.

Her experience in the criminal courts means not only that she is particularly adept at cross-examining those suspected of fabricating claims but also that she has ample experience of dealing with vulnerable and sometimes traumatised clients and witnesses who might need a particularly sensitive approach during the litigation process and particularly at trial.

Rachel accepts instructions on a Conditional Fee basis.

Employment & Equality

Rachel accepts instructions on behalf of both Claimants and Respondents and in all aspects of employment law. She is able to provide advice to clients at an early stage of any dispute and aims to provide practical assistance with a view to avoiding litigation if at all possible.

She has acted on behalf of both individuals and large organisations in a range of matters including race and sex discrimination, constructive and unfair dismissal and breach of contract including breach of restrictive covenants.

Rachel's empathetic but robust approach is greatly valued by her clients, as is her ability to provide practical advice and guidance through the Employment Tribunal procedure.

Direct Access

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

Awards

- Duke of Edinburgh Entrance Scholarship (1999)
- Inner Temple BVC Award (1999)
- Inner Temple CPE Award (1998)

Education

- The College of Law, Bar Vocational Course, (Very Competent) (2000)
- City University London, Common Professional Examination (1999)
- The University of Manchester, BA (Econ) (First Class Joint Honours) (1998)

Memberships

- PIBA
- PBA
- South Eastern Circuit