

## Anja Lansbergen-Mills

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### Memberships

- Northern Circuit Commercial Bar Association
- Northern Chancery Bar Association

### Appointments

- Member of the Civil Procedure Rule Committee (appointed from 12 October 2018 for 3 years)
- Junior Counsel to the Crown by the Attorney General (Regional Civil Panel C).

### Commercial Fraud CV

#### Overview

Anja has a varied and busy practice spanning commercial litigation, chancery and insolvency work. Her expertise includes contractual disputes, torts, property and trusts. Across those areas Anja has experience of matters involving allegations of fraud, including:

- advising and appearing on applications under s.423 Insolvency Act 1986 (transactions defrauding creditors);
- advising on and drafting a claim seeking declaratory relief and/or equitable compensation in respect of monies said to have been paid away from the bank account of an elderly client in breach of fiduciary duty;
- defending a contractual claim on the grounds of fraudulent misrepresentation;
- defending a claim for fraudulent misrepresentation and/or breach of fiduciary duty arising from the procurement of vehicle finance by a motor dealer;
- pleading and appearing on claims in conversion, including (i) defending a claim involving an allegation of theft, and (ii) counterclaiming against a party who had been convicted of harassing a vulnerable client, for conversion of property;
- acting for a vehicle stocking finance company on a stakeholder application to determine title to vehicles seized during a criminal investigation into the activity of a car dealership. The application was brought against 19 Defendants asserting competing claims to 11 vehicles.

Anja brings to her work an analytical skill honed whilst reading for her PhD. She is a committed and confident advocate who is known for her thorough preparation. In October 2018 Anja was appointed by the Lord Chancellor as a barrister member of the Civil Procedure

Rule Committee, a non-departmental public body which makes rules of court for the Civil Division of the Court of Appeal, the High Court and the County Court.

Anja has been appointed Junior Counsel to the Crown by the Attorney General (Regional Civil Panel C) for a five-year term commencing 1 March 2021.

## Publications - (in context of doctoral research)

- 'Prisoner Disenfranchisement in the United Kingdom and the Scope of EU Law' (2014) 10(1) European Constitutional Law Review 126
- 'Recent CJEU decisions on European Citizenship: A case-study in judicial activism' (2012) Federal Trust Policy Brief
- 'European Citizenship Rights in Internal Situations: An Ambiguous Revolution?' (Co-authored with N Miller) (2011) 7(2) European Constitutional Law Review 287
- 'National Membership Models in a Multi-Level Europe' (Co-authored with J Shaw) (2010) 8(1) International Journal of Constitutional Law 50
- 'Metock, Implementation of the Citizens' Rights Directive and Lessons for EU Citizenship' (2009) 31(3) Journal of Social Welfare and Family Law 285
- 'Testing the Limits of European Citizenship' (2009) Federal Trust Policy Brief

## Education

- BPTC, Manchester Metropolitan University (2014) (Outstanding)
- Baron Dr Ver Heyden De Lancey Prize, Middle Temple (2015)
- Certificate of Honour, Middle Temple (2014)
- Queen Mother's Scholarship (Middle Temple Major Scholarship) (2013)
- PhD, University of Edinburgh (2013)
- Collaborative Doctoral Award, Arts and Humanities Research Council (2008)
- LLM, University of Edinburgh (2008) (Distinction)
- James Madison Scholarship (2007)
- BA (Hons), Wadham College, University of Oxford (2007)
- Erasmus year spent at the University of Bonn, 2005 – 2006
- Wadham College Scholarship for Academic Achievement (2003 – 2007)
- Sarah Lawrence Scholarship (2004)

## Beyond the Bar

Whilst studying for her PhD Anja was employed by the University of Edinburgh as a research fellow on EUDO Citizenship, a large-scale European Commission funded project. She has occupied a number of other research roles whilst at the University and has taught EU Law to both undergraduate and masters students.

Whilst living in Germany Anja completed an internship at the United Nations Volunteering Service. She has worked for a period at a Michelin-starred restaurant in Edinburgh and continues to be an avid 'foodie'. Anja assisted with the Girl Guiding Association for over four years, both in Edinburgh and upon her return to her native Manchester.

## Recommendations

"Anja is very technical, and both her advocacy and drafting skills are excellent."

"Anja is fantastic on her feet. She is always incredibly well prepared."

"Anja is a fearless fighter in court."

**Chambers and Partners 2024**

"Anja is thorough and always incredibly well-prepared, meaning you can always rely on her to know her brief inside out. Her preparation feeds into her advocacy, and she is smart on her feet, always armed with answers to potentially difficult questions, and is very effective as a result."

**The Legal 500 2024**

Anja is very commercial and very pragmatic. She cuts through complex legal issues."

"Anja is very thorough, proactive and measured."

"She is very hard-working and articulate."

**Chambers and Partners 2023**

'Impressive approach, thinks outside the box and really considers client requirements and aims. Really easy to work with and presents well before clients.'

**The Legal 500 2023**

"She is a safe pair of hands and always goes the extra mile to make sure her advice is spot on and we have everything we need."

“Anja is very commercial and she can focus on what we’re trying to achieve for the client, cutting out all the noise and making my life easier. She is focused on results rather than getting embroiled in spats with other parties.”

**Chambers and Partners 2022**

“She is one of those people who comes across as being really reasonable in her approach.”  
“Very polished and approachable, and very good with clients.”

**Chambers and Partners 2020**