Carly Sandbach

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Appointments

- Junior Counsel to the Crown (Regional Panel A)

Memberships

- Chancery Bar Association
- Northern Circuit Commercial Bar Association
- Northern Chancery Bar Association
- Northern Administrative Law Association
- Association of Business Recovery Professionals (R3)

Education

- First Class Honours degree in Law at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, and was the highest ranking student in her year on the Bar Vocational Course.

Commercial CV

Overview

Carly is a leading individual whose practice covers all aspects of chancery and commercial litigation and advisory work. She has a broad range of experience in matters including insolvency (both personal and corporate), company and partnership, shareholder disputes, directors disqualification, professional negligence, banking, mortgage, guarantees and recovery of assets, trusts, contractual disputes and sale of goods.

Carly is consistently recommended as a Leading Individual in Chambers and Partners. In Chambers and Partners 2021 she was recommended as a Leading Individual in both the fields of Commercial Dispute Resolution and Restructuring/Insolvency. Described as "*technically excellent and a very, very good advocate*"; clients report that she is sensible and down-to-earth, fights cases with vigour and is proactive and able to quickly grasp the issues. "*She can be a real fighter when she needs to be, but is also very polished and very clever.*" Carly has earned a reputation for thoroughness: her preparation for hearings and conferences is described by the Legal 500 as simply "*excellent on the law and extremely tenacious.*"

In 2010 Carly was appointed as Junior Counsel to the Crown (Provincial Panel) and was re-appointed in 2018 to Regional Panel A.

Her clients include insolvency practitioners, banks, multi-nationals, small businesses, professional firms and private individuals, as well as the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and other Government Departments.

Recommendations

"She is a silk in waiting"

"Carly is excellent. She has great attention to detail and her cross-examination is very effective."
Chambers and Partners 2024

"Carly is excellent in all aspects of her practice. She is strong on paper and in conference, and she is a particularly strong advocate; she is confident, tenacious, hugely persuasive, and she can always be relied upon to fight her client's corner."

"Carly is a real star; she combines really sharp analytical skills with a clear focus on achieving the client's commercial goals, and she is as strong on paper as she is when appearing before the court with an ability in both forms to persuasively present her client's case at its strongest. There are few barristers outside of London who stand comparison to Carly."
The Legal 500 2024

"Carly is hard-working, responsive and very intelligent."

"Carly is ferocious in cross-examination. She is also very user-friendly."
Chambers and Partners 2023

'Carly is one of the best at the Manchester Bar- first class paperwork, pragmatic, hands on and commercial.'

'Carly is very good at cutting through the issues and assimilating information very quickly. She is unafraid to be direct with clients where necessary, particularly where it is for their own good.'
The Legal 500 2023

"Very commercial and focuses on getting the right outcome for the client."

"She deals with complex areas with a minimum of fuss, is really commercial and focuses exclusively on the outcome for her clients."

"She's a tenacious advocate who is very good in court; she makes bold submissions but ones with foundation."
Chambers and Partners 2022

"She is technically excellent and a very, very good advocate." "She can be a real fighter when she needs to be, but is also very polished and very clever." "Always very well prepared and will really fight her client's corner."

"She is a very strong advocate."
Chambers and Partners 2021

"She is extremely tenacious and punches well above her weight; her advocacy skills are excellent."

"A very sharp and strong advocate."

"She is extremely tenacious and an excellent advocate."
Chambers and Partners 2020

"Technically strong and an excellent advocate who applies commercial common sense where it is required."

"She is extremely tenacious, she punches well above her call and her advocacy skills are excellent."
Chambers and Partners 2019

"She manages to get results when they're not expected and is a fighter."

"She is really good at rolling her sleeves up and getting stuck into a case."

"She is a really strong advocate."
Chambers and Partners 2018

"She is a superb advocate who is very sharp and always adds value."

"A tenacious advocate who is extremely well versed in this area."

"She's a real fighter, very thorough in her preparation, very hard-working and has good commercial acumen - definitely one to watch."

"She's good, and quite impressive on her feet."
Chambers and Partners 2017

"She is tenacious and pugnacious when she needs to be. She's very hard-working and has a good commercial attitude."
Chambers and Partners 2016

"Technically astute and a shrewd tactician. Provides holistic and well-reasoned advice but possesses an acute commercial mindset, as well as showing an engaging ability to work with the instructing solicitor on the negotiation aspects of a case."
The Legal 500 2022

"Carly is a very strong advocate who is also technically excellent and provides concise, clear and commercially sensible advice."

"Excellent on the law and extremely tenacious."
The Legal 500 2021

"Excellent on the law and extremely tenacious."
The Legal 500 2020

"Very bright and tenacious; she bats well above her year of call."
The Legal 500 2018/19

"She is an excellent and committed advocate."
The Legal 500 2017

"Aggressive in the pursuit of her client's objectives."
The Legal 500 2016

"Her preparation for hearings and conferences is outstanding."
The Legal 500 2015

"Handles all aspects of Chancery and commercial litigation, including insolvency."
The Legal 500 2014

Cases

The Voice Factory Limited v Fourteen IP Communications Limited: Acted for the Defendant in a multi-million pound claim TCC claim in contract, conspiracy and debt arising out of the provision of hosted telephony services.

Whittaker v Briggs: Acted for a high net worth individual in a litigation case concerning loans/investments for gold transactions in Africa.

Alsop v Banner Jones & Cohen: Acting for the Appellant in this complex professional negligence action. Successfully appealed to the Court of Appeal against the High Court's order striking out part of the claim. The case continues.

Acting for Claimants in a mass international tort claim (group action) regarding the Fundao dam disaster.

Secured a resounding victory for Manchester City Council at the Court of Appeal in the case of Yang v Official Receiver & Ors.

Acted in relation to the well-publicised insolvency of the Kwik Save Group.

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Advising in relation to the insolvency of a number of Football Clubs including Portsmouth Football Club and Northwich Victoria Football Club.

Representing an international football agent in personal insolvency proceedings for recovery of disputed agents fees against a premiership player.

Application to the Supreme Court of the Seychelles to assist in asset tracing and recovery within a domestic insolvency regime.
In the matter of Lune Metal Products Ltd (in Administration)

Acted for large well-known city law firm in insolvency litigation arising from the Lexi Holdings Fraud Litigation.

Regularly appears on behalf of major banks including Royal Bank of Scotland and Barclays in relation to a variety of insolvency regimes.