

## Katherine (Kate) Traynor

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### Memberships

- The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn
- Northern Chancery Bar Association
- Northern Circuit Commercial Bar Association
- Property Bar Association
- Association of Business Recovery Professionals (R3)
- Chancery Bar Association
- Association of Tax Technicians (Student Member)
- Chartered Institute of Taxation (Student Member)

### Practice Overview

Kate was called to the Bar in 2019 and became a tenant of Exchange Chambers in January 2021 following the successful completion of her pupillage under Carly Sandbach and Stephen Connolly.

Kate has a strong practice encompassing commercial litigation, banking and finance, costs litigation, property, insolvency and tax. She regularly appears in the County and High Court in relation to a whole range of matters from procedural hearings and interlocutory applications through to complex witness trials on the multi-track.

In addition to her Court experience, Kate also frequently accepts instructions to draft statements of case, applications and formal advice across her practice areas. Kate has experience in dealing with claims from start to finish and is happy to provide informal advice and guidance through the course of proceedings.

Beyond her year of call, Kate has also assisted on several high-value matters, including:

- Providing advice in respect of Inheritance Tax on an estate valued at £1.3 million.
- Providing advice in respect of early redemption fees in excess of £400,000.
- Advising in respect of a Bridging Facility Agreement and the impact on possession proceedings.

Kate also has an interest in tax and is currently undertaking her ATT and CTA exams.

Kate regularly goes above and beyond to assist those instructing her by offering webinars and seminars to ensure her knowledge is passed on.

Kate also offers a quick turnaround on paperwork and welcomes contact by email or phone.

## Education

- Bar Professional Training Course (Very Competent) – BPP University
- Postgraduate degree, with a focus on International and Commercial Law (Distinction) – The University of Liverpool
- Undergraduate degree, LLB, (First Class) – Edge Hill University
- Currently undertaking the ATT and CTA pathway

### **Scholarships, Prizes and Awards:**

- Advocacy Scholarship – BPP University (2018)
- Scholarship for ATT provided on an exceptional basis by the head of the BPTC and Dean of the Law School, the first of its kind.
- Oxford University Press Law Prize (2nd on LLB (2016))
- Outstanding Law Graduate (2017)
- Visualising Success Candidate (Edge Hill University)

## Recommendations

“Just a short note to thank you for your excellent work today, Katherine – my client is delighted with your performance and the outcome of the hearing, which is an enormous relief to her.”

“A real rising star!”

“Irrespective of the outcome of the instructions provided to Kate (on each occasion our client’s objectives were achieved) I have been very impressed with her thorough preparation and advisory skills which, from my experience, exceeds what one would expect from a Pupil Barrister. Not only did I have sight of Kate’s advice, but also my colleague, who is a new Solicitor in our Commercial Dispute Resolution Team, has also expressed how impressed he has been with Kate when working alongside me on the above-mentioned instructions.”

“The best Second Six Pupil Barrister I have encountered”

“As Kate is aware, I would not hesitate to instruct her again nor would I hesitate to recommend her to any of my colleagues.”

“I just wanted to say thank you very much for your help today at Court. Your knowledge of the process, the Judge and the law (of course) was excellent. Your approach made the experience as stress-free as possible - and I particularly appreciate this.”

“Your approach to this work was impressive... Excellent work Katherine”