

Rachel Coyle

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Insolvency CV

Rachel has acted in a broad array of corporate and personal insolvency matters. She has acted in asset recovery proceedings, appeared in the winding up lists, and has particular experience of applications to restrain presentation and advertisement of petitions, as well as setting aside statutory demands and liability orders.

Cases

- Representing a company in proceedings against HMRC. The litigation concerned tax liabilities arising as a consequence of Construction Industry Scheme credits having not been processed and VAT returns requiring updating;
- Advising and representing companies on costs issues arising out of winding up petitions, see reported case in the chancery division at [2019] EWHC 1079 (Ch);
- Representing a director of a business in an application to set aside statutory demands served in respect of a disputed deposit and bounced cheque;
- Representing public bodies and companies in winding-up proceedings founded on non-payment of non-domestic rates;
- Representing a company and director in a preferential payment s.239, Insolvency Act 1986 dispute. This settled at mediation;
- Drafting and representing a company in a set aside of liability orders relating to business rates;
- Various set aside of statutory demand applications.

Recommendations

Client/solicitor testimonials and legal directory recommendations

“Rachel’s court room advocacy was very sound and her interactions with the bench were always entirely appropriate”, Deputy Master

“She demonstrated a notably strong intellectual aptitude combined with sound judgment”, Deputy Master

“In my experience Rachel grasps complicated issues quickly and has, on several occasions, conducted legal research quickly and competently in my view,” Solicitor

“My opinion is that Rachel appears commercially minded, get to the nub of issues quickly, and considers both legal and practical issues when providing advice,” Solicitor

“Her drafting is clear, easy to understand and very thorough,” Solicitor

“Rachel has always provided me with clear advice, and most important issues, personable and easy to talk to. She is helpful and gets on your level when discussing legal advice and issues. There has never been any arrogance or brow beating,” Solicitor

“She is a good advocate. I have witnessed her address the Court in a matter I instructed her on. In spite of the complexity of the case, she was able to concisely and persuasively present the case before the Judge. It was no wonder we won. She was clear, efficient, and well-organised,” Solicitor

“I have witnessed her being able to strip away less important issues in a case which has often helped matters to settle. This I have seen at number of successful mediations where her analytical thinking has been the key factor in the settlement. For example, in a case concerning the removal of silt from a private lake that involved a large quantities of documents,” Legal Executive

“Rachel displays an excellent ability to communicate with my clients who come from differing backgrounds. My clients often comment on how approachable she and that they feel very comfortable communicating with her. With some Counsel, client feel rather nervous and daunted when explaining their case, but not with Rachel,” Legal Executive

“I have instructed Rachel on various matters – such as: hearings, trials, drafting pleadings or providing advice etc – and the standard of work that Rachel provides is always excellent. Furthermore, Rachel has a remarkable ability of being able to turnaround work with tight time constraints. In my opinion, Rachel is an exemplary barrister, and, in turn, an outstanding ambassador of the Bar. I believe that this is not only due to her legal expertise and knowledge, but also because of Rachel’s drive and commitment to her profession,” In House Solicitor for a Local Authority

Memberships

- Property Bar Association
- Agricultural Law Association
- Chancery Bar Association
- ComBar
- ALBA
- South-Eastern Circuit
- Association of Women Barristers
- Her Bar
- St Thomas More Society

Education

- **RICS Foundation Course in ADR and Conflict Avoidance** - December 2022-March 2023
- **Vulnerable Witness Training** - September 2018/2019
- **Direct Access Qualification** - July 2017
- **Inner Temple Award** (International Legal Ethics Conference) July 2014
- **Mayor Award** - May 2013
- **Manchester Metropolitan University** - September 2012-June 2013
- **Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC)**
- **The College of William & Mary (WM) Williamsburg, VA (USA) (Draper Scholar) LLM American Legal Studies, GPA 4.2** - August 2011-May 2012
- **The Drapers' Company Scholarship funding an LLM in the USA** - 2011-2012
- **Queen Mary, University of London (QMUL)** - September 2008-June 2011
- **Law - First Class with Honours (LL.B) Hons**
- **Queen Mary, University of London, Law School Bursary Winner** - September 2008-June 2011
- **Aquinas College, Top Ten Theology A-Level** - June 2008
- **Aquinas College Von Hugel Institute Funding for Leadership Conference** - June 2008
- **Aquinas College (Sixth Form)** - September 2006-June 2008
- **Harrytown Catholic High School** - September 2001-June 2006

Publications

- 'A Practical Guide to Common Land and Village Greens', Law Brief Publishing, expected Summer 2023;
- 'A Practical Guide to Treasure Trove', Law Brief Publishing, expected Winter 2023/Spring 2024;
- 'A Practical Guide to the Housing Health and Safety Rating System (HHSRS)', Law Brief Publishing, 2022;
- 'Unlocking the Crypt: Insolvency & Cryptocurrency', New Law Journal, July 2022;

- 'A Practical Guide to Hoarding and Mental Health for Housing Lawyers,' Law Brief Publishing, 2020;
- 'Shared Ownership: Leases of Flats and Right to Manage,' LEASE website and Flat Living, July 2018;
- 'Goodbye Grayling's Employment Tribunal Fees,' Local Government Lawyer, 10 August 2017;
- 'Benefit cap and lone parents with children under two,' Local Government Lawyer, 3 August 2017;
- 'Right to Manage: A Brief Overview.' 19 October 2016, featured on Lexology and LEASE

Beyond the Bar

Rachel volunteers through her Inn to provide advocacy training through 'Bridging the Bar' and conducting mock pupillage interviews. She previously judged the George Hinde Moot at QMUL and volunteered at QMUL Legal Advice Centre.

In addition to writing books for Law Brief Publishing and previously articles for New Law Journal, LEASE, Flat Living and Local Government Lawyer, Rachel delivers seminars/webinars for MBL Seminars.

Rachel is a NISA Level 8 qualified figure skater but is perhaps a little rusty. She previously played football for Calthorpe Project FC. She enjoys skiing and mountain biking or relaxing with a good book about archaeology or playing her guitar. She is also a mother to two active girls and a governor at her local primary school.