







Eleanor d’Arcy

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Clerks’ Details

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Memberships

- Property Bar Association
- Chancery Bar Association

Education

- MA Classics, St. John’s College Oxford [2002-2006]
- CPE BPP Law School Leeds [2006-2007]
- BVC BPP Law School Leeds [2007-2008]
- Scholarships: Lord Haldane, Lincoln’s Inn [2006-2007]
- Lord Denning, Lincoln’s Inn [2007-2008]
- Wolfson, Lincoln’s Inn [2008-2009]

Insolvency

Eleanor has a well-established reputation across both the Northern and North-Eastern Circuits for her strong, thriving and dynamic Chancery & Commercial practice.

Eleanor is praised by clients and peers alike for her powerful and succinct advocacy, thorough preparation and in-depth knowledge of litigation involving Property and Trusts of Land, Company and Shareholder disputes (including Unfair Prejudice Petitions) and all aspects of insolvency-related Litigation.

In particular, in respect of Insolvency matters, Eleanor’s practice encompasses all aspects of Personal and Corporate Insolvency and Restructuring (for Office Holders and individuals/companies) including Administrations, Voluntary Arrangements, Liquidations, Bankruptcy, Claims under the Insolvency Act 1986, especially Wrongful and Fraudulent Trading, Misfeasance, Preferences, Transactions-at-an-undervalue and Directors’ Disqualification.

Cases

- Acted at the BPC in Manchester on behalf of a number of Respondents to an Application under paragraph 71 of Schedule B1 IA 1986, which Respondents were resident out of the jurisdiction, concerning a partly-built development in Liverpool.
- Successfully appeared in the BPC in Leeds and represented the Joint Administrators of an energy company concerning an Application brought under paragraph 74(1) of Schedule B1 IA 1986, which Application was dismissed and an order for indemnity costs was made in favour of the Joint Administrators.
- Advised and represented a Trustee-in-Bankruptcy concerning beneficial ownership of multiple properties owned by the Bankrupt.
- Advised a well-known gym company concerning the proper meaning and construction of various clauses in its CVA.
- Advising Joint Administrators in respect of voting procedures.
- Advising and representing various company directors at the BPC in Manchester concerning disqualification proceedings.
- Regular appearances at the BPC in both Manchester and Leeds pertaining to Administration Orders (both opposed and un-opposed), Applications to extend or discharge Administration Orders and Applications to make distributions to unsecured creditors.

Recommendations

The Legal 500 2024

“Eleanor is an incredibly talented individual. She is very approachable, unfazed by anything or anyone, and a very sensible and safe pair of hands.”

Chambers UK 2022

“She provides very straightforward advice and is really practical. Her rapport with clients is really good – in conferences she is friendly, and her advice is always practical and useful for the clients.”
“She is very good on her feet and produces extremely good written work. She has a knack of getting on the good side of the judge and is assertive without being overly aggressive.”

Legal 500 2022

“Her commercial understanding is first-rate, and her ability to cut through and see the end game is excellent.”

Chambers UK 2021

“She is very detailed and methodical.” “In court she is fantastic with the judge, putting across her arguments very eloquently and forcefully.”
“You would be concerned if you were against her!”
“She is very knowledgeable but also approachable.” “She is not afraid to put forward a robust argument, is great on her feet and provides very commercial advice.”

Legal 500 2021

“She is excellent in court, on paper, and in conference.”

Legal 500 2020

“Hard-working, enthusiastic and pragmatic.”

Chambers UK 2020

“Her practical knowledge is peerless.” “She is excellent both on her feet and on paper.”
“She is good with clients, direct, hands-on and gets to grips with things quickly.”

Chambers UK 2018

“She’s helpful, incisive, considered and very knowledgeable.” “She is someone I would trust with a difficult case – top-notch.”
“To the point, eloquent and succinct, she is always able to put the point across in a professional manner.” “She knows her stuff and is tenacious.”

Chambers UK 2017

“She is thorough, well organised and very competent.”
“She is tremendously hard-working and always gives her all for clients. A safe pair of hands.”

Chambers UK 2016

“A very able young lawyer and certainly an up-and-coming junior.”