

Hateema Zia

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Memberships

- The Honourable Society of the Inner Temple
- North Eastern Circuit
- R3 Association

Publications

- Legal News Article for Lexis Nexis
- Article for R3
- Article for e-bulletin

Overview CV

Hateema read Law at the London School of Economics and was called to the Bar by the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple in 2022. She successfully completed her pupillage in September 2023 under the supervision of Steven Fennell. Hateema is building a broad commercial chancery practice and welcomes instructions across these areas.

Hateema has worked on cases across a range of traditional and commercial chancery work including company and insolvency, property, and commercial litigation disputes. Hateema regularly appears in the county and high courts for interlocutory hearings and trials. She has undertaken small and fast track trials related to a wide range of commercial, and property disputes. Hateema is also experienced in allocation hearings, application to set aside/vary judgment, defending application to set aside statutory demand, and preliminary hearings. Hateema is also skilled in drafting statements of case and providing formal advice to clients. As well as contentious court work, Hateema also has experience of mediation and assisting with arbitration disputes.

During pupillage, Hateema assisted with a variety of complex commercial litigation disputes, including assisting Steven Fennell and Jodie Wildridge in acting for the successful Claimant in the High Court professional negligence claim against RPC (Forster v Reynolds Porter Chamberlain [2023] EWHC 1150 (Ch)). She also assisted Giles Maynard-Connor KC and Stephen Connolly in successfully defending £125m claim for high profile internet and fashion entrepreneur in Clements v Frisby [2023] EWHC 320 (Ch).

Before coming to the Bar, Hateema worked as an in-house paralegal in the gas and energy, aviation, and car financing sectors. Her background brings an extensive understanding of those industries, an appreciation of the business demands that each client faces and an astutely commercial and pragmatic approach to practice. Hateema has also obtained legal

experience working with both US and Magic circle firms. She is able to appreciate the demands of clients from both legal professions.

At the LSE, Hateema was elected Director of the Court of Governors and Council, where she represented the views of the entire student body. She volunteered for a human rights brigade in Panama and was selected to attend a summer school in China. She is also an Ambassador for the Dick Camplin Education Trust and is at the forefront of driving significant changes to the education system whilst also focusing on enhancing diversity and inclusion at the commercial chancery Bar.

Reccomendations

“I am writing to let you know how impressed I was with her standard of advocacy...she demonstrated good judgement, persuasiveness and poise when questioned. Her written work was also of a high standard. On the basis what I witnessed in the advocacy exercise I am sure Hateema has the ability to enjoy a very successful career at the bar.”

Chambers Senior Management

“Hateema copied me in on all of the drafts and the exchanges with the clients and the final statements. I was very impressed. The quality of the work more than justified/supported the decision to have her help the clients. The tone of the emails exchanged with our witnesses seemed to me to be just right. I think that she’s a good ‘un and somebody that we would be more than happy to work with going forward.”

Instructing Solicitor

“Order was received yesterday, pretty impressive as I’m still waiting for orders from other courts going back 2 months... client was very happy and Hateema has gone on to our experts register for Counsel to instruct.”

Instructing Solicitor

“Top work from Hateema – very impressed!”

Instructing Solicitor

Education

Qualifications

London School of Economics and Political Science – LLB Bachelor of Laws

The University of Manchester – LLM Master in Laws (Commercial)

BPP Law School (Manchester) – Bar Professional Training Course

University of Zhejiang – Culture, Language and Business

Scholarships/ Awards

Pegasus Scholarship, The Honourable Society of the Inner Temple, 2024

LSE Golden Scholarship

Hogan Lovells Scholarship

BPP Advocacy Award

BPP BPTC Regional Programme Leader's Award

BPP Pro Bono Award

Dick Camplin Education Trust Scholarship

Loreto Community and Commitment Award Winner

Beyond the bar

Hateema is an avid netball player, traveller and lover of tea and cake. She often sources the best cafés on her travels to court up and down the country. She is the happiest in the company of family and friends. She is also passionate about equality and representation at the Bar and assists aspiring barristers through different widening participation initiatives.