

Eleanor d’Arcy

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Memberships

- Property Bar Association
- Chancery Bar Association
- British Irish Commercial Bar Association
- Northern Business Property 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]

Overview

Eleanor is a prominent senior junior dealing with substantial pieces of commercial, property and insolvency litigation.

She is widely recognised as a leading commercial junior, consistently ranked in the legal directories for many years across the spheres of Commercial, Chancery, Restructuring and Insolvency and Real Estate Litigation. She has been described variously as “a joy to work with”, “a formidable advocate” and “a direct and focused barrister” who is “unflappable”, with her advocacy skills and ability to think quickly being “second-to-none”.

Eleanor has a busy and thriving commercial practice focusing upon all aspects of company, insolvency, property and professional liability arising from those areas.

She regularly appears in lengthy and complex Trials in the High Court and has been instructed in the Court of Appeal, appearing unled several times.

Eleanor is praised by peers and colleagues alike as a robust and persuasive courtroom advocate, who is always thorough, measured and approachable. She welcomes early involvement, recognising that, in fast-paced commercial litigation, early input from experienced Counsel is essential – and Eleanor is highly experienced at providing commercial and pragmatic advice.

As of October 2025, Eleanor sits upon the Board of Exchange Chambers.

Recommendations

The Legal 500, 2026

“Eleanor is wonderful. She is always receptive, keen to assist, and brings interesting angles to any discussion.”

Chambers and Partners 2026

“She is my go-to person in the North-West. Eleanor is excellent with clients and excellent in court.”

“Eleanor is a joy to work with. She is incredibly personable and a formidable advocate.”

“Eleanor d’Arcy is excellent with clients and in court.”

“Eleanor is a really good team player. She has a diverse insolvency practice and a very loyal following. She’s not fazed by anything, she’s quick-thinking and she has very direct advocacy skills.”

The Legal 500, 2025

“Eleanor is a very straight-talking and focused barrister who is not fazed by anything. She is very approachable and good with clients, and her advocacy skills and ability to think fast are second-to-none.”

“A direct and focused barrister. She is unflappable, and her advocacy skills and ability to think quickly are second-to-none.”

Chambers UK 2025

“Eleanor d’Arcy is a top-notch junior. She is very thorough, technically excellent and a good communicator.”

“Eleanor d’Arcy goes the extra mile to satisfy clients’ expectations. She has wide experience and is excellent in court.”

“Eleanor’s cross-examination is meticulous and she’s always really well prepared. Her written work is excellent. She’s very good on the law and gives sensible, proactive advice.”

“She offers good value for money for clients and is never afraid to be direct with them.”

“Eleanor is a very good advocate. She is very considered in her advice, strong when needed and very commercial. Eleanor is very good at looking at the bigger picture.”

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.”