

KATIE HOOPER

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KATIE IS CURRENTLY NOT PRACTISING

Katie is a specialist in commercial and property and estates law, having honed her skills at both the chancery commercial bar and in a busy international litigation practice offshore.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Commercial
- Property & Estates
- Court of Protection

COMMERCIAL

KATIE IS CURRENTLY NOT PRACTISING

Katie provides advice, drafting and advocacy in all aspects of commercial dispute resolution work, including the following areas:

- Contractual disputes, including sale and supply of goods and services
- Agency
- Bailment
- Debt claims
- Corporate disputes, including shareholder disputes, unfair prejudice petitions, directors' duties
- Banking and finance, including claims involving the mis-selling of financial products
- Restraint of trade and breach of confidence
- Construction
- Misrepresentation and mistake
- Commercial property issues (including commercial leases)
- Professional negligence claims in the commercial sphere

Examples of Katie's commercial cases are as follows:

- Gas Plus Khalakan Ltd v New Age and Range Energy Resources 2015 (1) JLR N23; [2015] JRC 078- Katie acted and appeared as an advocate in a matter arising out of a complex shareholder dispute relating to the development of oil reserves in the Khalakan Block in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq and, in particular, the provision of information to a minority shareholder in the shareholding structure. In this decision, Katie defended a summary judgment application, formulating, and ultimately succeeding on, a jurisdictional argument. Katie also acted in related proceedings for the enforcement of an arbitration award.
- Kuwait Oil Tanker Company SAK v Al Mutawa and Chadwick [2016] JRC 182- Katie acted for the sole creditor in a deceased bankrupt's estate in seeking to enforce a multi-million pound judgment debt, by bringing fresh proceedings against the sister-in-law of the deceased for breach of trust (because it was alleged that monies used to acquire a property- the title to which was ultimately transferred to the sister-in-law- were provided by the deceased bankrupt). Katie appeared as advocate in interim applications in this matter.
- Acted in an alleged interest-rate swap mis-selling case.

From her practice in Jersey, Katie acted in a wide variety of complex and high-value trust and commercial litigation, often multi-jurisdictional in nature and involving insolvency and restructuring issues.

PROPERTY & ESTATES

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Katie deals with all aspects of property and estates work, including:

- Wills, probate and 1975 Act cases
- Court of Protection
- Contentious and non-contentious trusts, including directions applications
- Proprietary estoppel
- Cohabitee disputes and trusts of land
- Boundary disputes
- Adverse possession
- Title and land registration
- Rights of way and easements
- Landlord and tenant (residential and commercial)
- Mortgage and possession disputes
- Insolvency issues arising out of property matters
- Restrictive covenants
- Mobile homes
- Town and village greens
- Professional negligence arising from property transactions and property litigation

Examples of Katie's property and estates cases are as follows:

- Representation of A Limited and In the Matter of the B Trust [2017] JRC 024- Katie successfully acted for a trustee in its application for rectification of an instrument made under a discretionary trust, on the basis that the instrument failed to carry out the intentions of the settlor
- Acted for two settlors in successful applications to set aside dispositions into trust (which had exposed the settlors to significant tax liabilities in England) on grounds of mistake.
- Acted for the trustee of a trust worth in the region of US\$350m in a complex dispute involving removal of trustees, reasonable security for potential liabilities of the trustee and regarding the validity of certain trust documents.
- Acted for the trustee in a highly complex application for a blessing of the trustee's in-principle decision to enter into a restructuring of the trust's considerable assets, in order to give effect to a decision of the High Court in England and Wales in ancillary relief proceedings involving the primary beneficiary and settlor of the trust (In the Matter of the D Settlement [2017] JRC 061)

COURT OF PROTECTION

KATIE IS CURRENTLY NOT PRACTISING

Katie specialises in the property and affairs side of Court of Protection work, as part of her wider property, estates and chancery practice. Katie deals with a wide array of property and affairs work, including statutory wills, cases involving allegations of financial abuse, deputyship applications and authorisation of transactions and lifetime gifts. Recently, Katie has advised on a complex issue as to the limit of the Court of Protection's jurisdiction and the most appropriate forum for the proposed proceedings, in the particular circumstances of the case.

Katie often delivers seminars and talks on topics within her areas of specialism, particularly where those overlap, most recently delivering a talk on best practice in will-drafting (when dealing with would-be testators of questionable capacity) and best practice in statutory will applications (when a would-be testator certainly lacks capacity).

APPOINTMENTS:

- Advocate of the Royal Court of Jersey
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MEMBERSHIPS:

Chancery Bar Association
Lincoln's Inn

EDUCATION:

- MA (Hons) Jurisprudence: Jesus College, Oxford (First Class)
- Bar Vocational Course: Cardiff University (Outstanding)

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

- Exhibitioner (Jesus College, Oxford)
 - Sankey Scholar and Peter North Scholar (Jesus College, Oxford)
 - Student of the Year 2008 (Lincoln's Inn)
 - Ede and Ravenscroft Wig and Gown Prize 2008 (Lincoln's Inn)
 - Buchanan Prize 2008 (Lincoln's Inn)
 - The Wales and Chester Circuit Award for the Outstanding Student of the Year 2008 (Cardiff University for BVC)
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RECENT NEWS

- Katie Hooper and Paul Lewis to join Guildhall Chambers
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