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Area of expertise

Civil & Commercial

Criminal Law

Employment Law

Family Law

Personal Injury

Planning & Environmental

Public Law

Profile

Overview

Angelica joined Chambers in 2018 following the successful completion of her pupillage under [Gordon Menzies](#), [Simon Taylor](#) and [Christopher Badger](#).

Prior to joining, Angelica worked as a litigation paralegal at Mischon de Reya and Charles Russell Speechlys. She also has experience working as a County Court advocate, appearing in over sixty applications, possession and Stage 3 disposal hearings across London and the South Eastern Circuits.

Education

Law, University of Southampton (Upper Second Class)

Masters of Law (Public Law), University College London (Distinction)

Bar Professional Training Course, Kaplan Law School (Very Competent)

Awards

Harmsworth Scholarship, Middle Temple Inn

Shortlisted entry, The Law Society's "Graham Turner Human Rights Essay Competition 2015"

Appointments

CPS Level 1 Advocate Panel 2016-2020 (London and South-Eastern Circuits)

Practice

Angelica has a broad practice, regularly appearing as an advocate in the Magistrates', Crown and County Courts and advising on claims. She accepts instructions in all aspects of Chambers work.

Environmental/Planning

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Angelica has experience of planning law and has been instructed as sole Counsel to represent parties at inquiry-level, where the issues include enforcement notice appeals.

Angelica receives regular instructions to prosecute cases on behalf of local authorities, which include first appearances, full trials and sentencing hearings. She has experience of cases involving: residential fly-tipping; breach of planning enforcement notices; unauthorised works to listed buildings and protecting rights to "quiet enjoyment" of land.

Angelica delivers training for planning officers, providing them with practical advice when giving evidence at inquiries, most recently speaking at the Royal Town Planning Institute. She also lectures to students studying the Planning and Property Law module at University College London.

In practice, she has been instructed to provide a written opinion on the merits of challenging a large scale residential development which has been included in Local Plans, amidst significant controversy. The land sought to be appropriated by the local authority is subject to an Act of Parliament protecting

its use as pleasure grounds for the benefit of the public.

Employment Law

Prior to joining Chambers, Angelica volunteered as an Employment Tribunal Representative for the Free Representation Unit (FRU). During her time with FRU, she appeared at full contested hearings, where the issues included: unfair dismissal, breach of contract and arrears of pay claims.

In practice she has been instructed to advise and provide oral advocacy in contested multi-day trials.

Notable cases include:

T v SMT Ltd (Bury St Edmunds Employment Tribunal)

Angelica acted for the successful Respondent in a multi-day direct discrimination and racial harassment trial; the Tribunal having concluded that the Claimant was an "unreliable witness" following inconsistencies outlined in cross-examination.

O v TP (Bury St Edmunds Employment Tribunal)

Successfully obtaining strike out of a Claimant's discrimination, unfair dismissal and breach of contract claims at a Preliminary Hearing.

B v HH (Watford Employment Tribunal)

Successfully obtained strike out of Claimant's whistleblowing and discrimination claims following a paper application to the Tribunal, ahead of a Preliminary Hearing.

Civil Law

Angelica has experience of representing clients, both Claimant and Defendant, in small and fast track cases. She has also appeared in Police (Property) Act cases for actions concerning the recovery of property seized during the course of a criminal investigation.

Notable examples of Angelica's work include:

M v EW Ltd Co (Milton Keynes County Court)

Successfully set aside a judgment obtained in default, which had been escalated to the High Court for enforcement. The application was a complex one given that the Claimant sought to rely on the production of fraudulent documents by the Defendant, which was, in part, accepted by the Judge determining the matter. Angelica also secured a favourable costs order following the hearing.

M v V (Cambridge County Court)

Successfully represented an applicant who sought an ex-parte interim civil injunction pursuant to the Protection of Harassment Act 1997, later upheld on the return date. Upon breach of the final injunction being proven, the respondent was duly imprisoned.

Criminal Law

Angelica spent five months of her pupillage with Simon Taylor observing trials where the offences included manslaughter and kidnapping.

Angelica regularly appears in the Crown and Magistrates' Court undertaking trials and in the Crown Court, prosecuting and defending committals for sentence and appeals against conviction and sentence.

Angelica is currently instructed by a Local Authority to prosecute in a multi-day trial involving unlawful eviction and harassment of tenants in the Crown Court.

Notable examples of Angelica's work include:

R v S (Medway Magistrates' Court)

Secured an acquittal for a Defendant charged with four counts of assault by beating, where the Prosecution evidence included two independent witnesses. The Magistrates' acquitted on the basis of inconsistencies outlined during cross-examination.

Kent Police v Grant (Folkestone Magistrates' Court)

Successfully obtained a final closure order of a premises, following a police operation to respond to antisocial behaviour linked to county line drug supply.

See [press report](#)

R v Dabner (Canterbury Crown Court)

See [press report](#)

Publications

□The ambit of procedural fairness in closed material proceedings: Rahmutullah v Ministry of Defence [2017] EWHC 547 (QB) and K (and Others) v Secretary of State for Defence [2017] EWHC 830 (Admin)□, Civil Justice Quarterly, 2017

□Appeal by witness: substantive and procedural landmines, breach of convention rights and the unusual case of Re W (A Child) (Care Proceedings: Non Party Appeal) [2016] EWCA Civ 1140□, Civil Justice Quarterly, 2018

Languages

Spanish (conversational)