



# Rachel Wilson

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Rachel Wilson is developing a broad commercial practice encompassing the full range of Chambers' core practice areas.

She joined Chambers in 2025, following the successful completion of her pupillage under the supervision of Natasha Bennett, David Murray and Christopher Langley.

Prior to joining Chambers, Rachel received a first-class degree in English Literature and French from the University of Edinburgh and completed her Master's in Translation with Distinction from the University of Bath.

Rachel achieved the top first in her cohort in the Graduate Diploma in Law and was awarded the prize for contract law, following which she spent a year interning with the global litigation team at a blue-chip multinational energy company. During this time, Rachel assisted in-house counsel on a range of complex commercial matters, including high-profile, multi-party commercial litigation and international arbitration, across a range of jurisdictions.

Before coming to the Bar, Rachel worked as a strategic analyst, journalist and translator, spending a number of years living in both Melbourne and Berlin. She is a published author under William Collins, and her writing has appeared in publications such as *The Times*, *The Guardian*, *The New Statesman* and *British Vogue*.

## Recent Highlights

Assisting with written submissions in defence of an airline in a complex aviation leasing dispute involving claims for breach of the lease return conditions (during pupillage).

Assisting with legal research and pleadings in defence of a European bank against a claim brought by a Russian company for the enforcement of on-demand payment bonds, raising issues of EU sanctions law (during pupillage).

Assisting with legal research for a Supreme Court appeal against convictions relating to alleged LIBOR/EURIBOR manipulation (during pupillage).

Assisting with legal research and written submissions for a significant appeal raising the issue of whether companies can assert privilege against their shareholders (during pupillage).

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Assisting with legal research in a multi-billion-dollar auditors' negligence claim arising from extensive alleged fraud at a healthcare company (during pupillage).

## Expertise

### AI, Crypto & Technology

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#### Notable AI, Crypto & Technology cases

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Assisting with written submissions in an arbitration between a cryptocurrency exchange and sports body concerning claims of breach of contract, fraudulent misrepresentation and illegality (during pupillage).

### Aviation & Travel

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#### Notable Aviation & Travel cases

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Assisting with written submissions in defence of an airline in a complex aviation leasing dispute involving claims for breach of the lease return conditions (during pupillage).

### Banking & Finance

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#### Notable Banking & Finance cases

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Assisting with legal research and pleadings in defence of a European bank against a claim brought by a Russian company for the enforcement of on-demand payment bonds, raising issues of EU sanctions law (during pupillage).

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Assisting with legal research in defence of a bank against a prime brokerage claim brought by a hedge fund, arising from the sale of shares following a margin call during the market turmoil caused by the COVID-19 pandemic (during pupillage).

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Assisting with legal research in a substantial dispute about the allocation of multi-million pounds' worth of liability for PPI mis-selling losses (during pupillage).

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Assisting with legal research in a group litigation under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 involving claims of conspiracy against a defendant bank (during pupillage).

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## Civil Fraud

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### Notable Civil Fraud cases

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Assisting with written submissions in an arbitration between a cryptocurrency exchange and sports body concerning claims of breach of contract, fraudulent misrepresentation and illegality (during pupillage).

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## Commercial Crime

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### Notable Commercial Crime cases

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Assisting with legal research for a Supreme Court appeal against convictions relating to alleged LIBOR/EURIBOR manipulation (during pupillage).

Assisting with advising a bank with respect to issues of privilege, disclosure and “tipping-off” offences under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 and Jersey law (during pupillage).

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## Commercial Disputes

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### Notable Commercial Disputes cases

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Assisting with legal research and written submissions in defence of a publicly listed company against a claim by a corporate finance advisor, based on an alleged oral agreement, for a success fee following an acquisition (during pupillage).

Assisting with legal research in a shareholder dispute between a fintech company and investment bank, involving anti-suit relief (during pupillage).

Assisting with legal research in defence of a bank in a claim raising issues of agent authority and breach of *Quincecare* duty (during pupillage).

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## Financial Services

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### Notable Financial Services cases

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Assisting with legal research in defence of a bank against a prime brokerage claim brought by a hedge fund, arising from the sale of shares following a margin call during the market turmoil caused by the COVID-19 pandemic (during pupillage).

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Assisting with written submissions in defence of a bank against claims arising out of fraudulent bank payments and money laundering (during pupillage).

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Assisting with legal research in a claim by a financier against an investment bank for deceit (during pupillage).

## Group Litigation

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### Notable Group Litigation cases

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Assisting with legal research in a significant group litigation defending vehicle manufacturers against a group claim by vehicle owners and lessees alleging breach of statutory duty and deceit (during pupillage).

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Assisting with legal research in a group litigation under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 involving claims of conspiracy against a defendant bank (during pupillage).

## Insurance & Reinsurance

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### Notable Insurance & Reinsurance cases

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Assisting with advising political risk reinsurers with respect to coverage issues arising out of incidents of illegal mining in South America (during pupillage).

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Assisting with advising a policyholder with respect to coverage issues under a war risks insurance policy arising from terrorist incidents in Mozambique (during pupillage).

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Assisting with legal research in an arbitration between an insurer and policyholder in relation to coverage issues arising out of losses suffered by a technology manufacturer (during pupillage).

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Assisting with pleadings in a claim by a leisure centre group against insurers for COVID-19 business interruption losses (during pupillage).

## International Arbitration

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## Notable International Arbitration cases

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Assisting with written submissions in an arbitration between a cryptocurrency exchange and sports body concerning claims of breach of contract, fraudulent misrepresentation and illegality (during pupillage).

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Assisting with legal research in an arbitration between an insurer and policyholder in relation to coverage issues arising out of losses suffered by a technology manufacturer (during pupillage).

## Offshore

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### Notable Offshore cases

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Assisting with advising a bank with respect to issues of privilege, disclosure and “tipping-off” offences under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 and Jersey law (during pupillage).

## Privilege, Confidentiality & Conflicts of Interest

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### Notable Privilege, Confidentiality & Conflicts of Interest cases

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Assisting with legal research and written submissions for a significant appeal raising the issue of whether companies can assert privilege against their shareholders (during pupillage).

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Assisting with advising a bank with respect to issues of privilege, disclosure and “tipping-off” offences under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 and Jersey law (during pupillage).

## Professional Discipline

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### Notable Professional Discipline cases

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Assisting with written submissions in defence of an insolvency practitioner subject to an investigation by the Insolvency Practitioners Association into alleged professional misconduct (during pupillage).

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Assisting with legal research in defence of a city law firm partner in respect of an SRA investigation into sexual misconduct allegations (during pupillage).

## Professional Negligence

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## Notable Professional Negligence cases

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Assisting with legal research in a multi-billion-dollar auditors' negligence claim arising from extensive alleged fraud at a healthcare company (during pupillage).

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Assisting with pleadings in a "loss of chance" claim against a city law firm arising out of a negligently drafted settlement agreement (during pupillage).

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Assisting with advising a company in relation to the alleged negligence of leading counsel providing legal advice in the course of substantial High Court claims and appeals (during pupillage).

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Assisting with written submissions in defence of counsel in relation to claims of alleged negligence in advising on settlement and mediation of an underlying dispute (during pupillage).

## Sanctions

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### Notable Sanctions cases

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Assisting with legal research and pleadings in defence of a European bank against a claim brought by a Russian company for the enforcement of on-demand payment bonds, raising issues of EU sanctions law (during pupillage).

## Sports

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### Notable Sports cases

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Assisting with written submissions in an arbitration between a cryptocurrency exchange and sports body concerning claims of breach of contract, fraudulent misrepresentation and illegality (during pupillage).

## Education

- MA English Literature and French (First Class Honours) – University of Edinburgh (with a year at the Sorbonne, Paris)
- MA Translation and Professional Language Skills (Distinction) – University of Bath
- Graduate Diploma in Law (Distinction) – City, University of London
- Bar Vocational Studies (Distinction) – City, University of London

## Appointments, Memberships and Prizes

- Michael and Judith Beloff Scholarship for the BCL – Trinity College, University of Oxford
- 3 Verulam Buildings Prize for Best Overall Performance on the GDL
- 7 King’s Bench Walk/City Prize for Best Performance in Contract Law on the GDL
- Certificate of Honour Prize for excellent performance in Bar Course examinations – Middle Temple
- Queen Mother Scholarship (BVS) – Middle Temple
- Blackstone Entrance Exhibition (BVS) – Middle Temple
- Harmsworth Scholarship (GDL) – Middle Temple
- City Law School Scholarship for Academic Excellence – City, University of London
- Highly Commended Entrant for English Literature – Undergraduate Awards

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