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Sarah is developing a broad commercial practice across Chambers' core areas of expertise, with particular interest in sport, technology, and art law matters.

She joined Chambers in 2026, following the successful completion of her pupillage under the supervision of Niamh Cleary, Alex Barden KC, and Katherine Hardcastle.

Sarah graduated with a First Class degree in Law from Queen's University Belfast and received the McKane Medal for coming first in her year. She then completed the LLM at the University of Cambridge with a commercial specialisation, in receipt of the Spyrou-Lintott Scholarship and De Hart Prize from Christ's College. Prior to commencing pupillage, Sarah worked as an intern at the SIAC Secretariat in Singapore.

Recent Highlights

Assisting with research in a leapfrog appeal to the UKSC on the scope of the tort of unlawful means conspiracy, arising out of a motorsport dispute (during pupillage).

Assisting with subsequent CACD appeals of traders seeking the quashing of their convictions in the wake of R v Hayes and Palombo (during pupillage).

Assisting with various applications and pleadings in a complex aviation leasing dispute involving the financing of aircraft through the JOLCO (Japanese Operating Lease with Call Option) structure, assignment of security interests and termination, and contractual indemnities (during pupillage).

Assisting with pleadings (with Jeff Chapman KC) in a complex high value professional negligence claim brought against a firm of solicitors, arising from alleged mishandling of negotiations, a mediation, and legal proceedings involving restrictive covenants (during pupillage).

Assisting with an application to intervene in a UKSC appeal, and with preparing submissions on behalf of the



intervenors on the topic of causation in homicide cases involving the suicide of victims of domestic violence (during pupillage).

Expertise

Art & Cultural Property

Notable Art & Cultural Property cases

Sarah has a particular interest in matters involving art and is currently undertaking a Diploma in Art Law with the Institute of Art & Law.

Aviation & Travel

Notable Aviation & Travel cases

Assisting with various applications and pleadings in a complex aviation leasing dispute involving the financing of aircraft through the JOLCO (Japanese Operating Lease with Call Option) structure, assignment of security interests and termination, and contractual indemnities (during pupillage).

Assisting with legal research and pleadings in a negligence claim concerning the provision of air traffic control services, involving novel questions of recoverability and mitigation of loss (during pupillage).

Banking & Finance

Notable Banking & Finance cases

Assisting with legal research in a hedge funds dispute concerning the interpretation of an Event of Default clause (during pupillage).

Civil Fraud

Notable Civil Fraud cases

Assisting with legal research and submissions on the sharp practice principle in a claim for breach of warranty, fraudulent misrepresentation, and conspiracy, in relation to a fraud carried out within a company prior to its acquisition (during pupillage).

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Assisting with legal research and submissions, including on extraterritorial application of section 423 IA and the applicable law in claims for inducing breach of contract/unlawful means conspiracy, in a claim involving fraudulent misappropriation of shares amounting to a transaction at an undervalue with the intention of defrauding creditors (during pupillage).

Assisting with legal research on the appropriate timing of a non-party costs order in a dispute concerning an arbitral award found to have been obtained through fraud (during pupillage).

Commercial Crime

Notable Commercial Crime cases

Assisting with subsequent CACD appeals of traders seeking the quashing of their convictions in the wake of R v Hayes and Palombo (during pupillage).

Assisting with advice and submissions in relation to civil matters adjacent to Entain DPA concerning investor claims, issues of legal professional privilege, and reporting restrictions (during pupillage).

Assisting with preparation of hearing seeking approval of a DPA, raising complex issues as to the anonymisation of persons in the Statement of Facts restrictions (during pupillage).

Assisting with advice in relation to a tax fraud investigation into a high-net-worth individual (during pupillage).

Assisting with legal research on dual criminality and transposition of alleged breaches of foreign regulatory law under POCA 2002 (during pupillage).

Assisting with legal research on issues of causation and proportionality in proceedings for civil recovery of sums alleged to be associated with money laundering operations under POCA 2002 Part 5 (during pupillage).

Commercial Disputes

Notable Commercial Disputes cases

Assisting with pleadings in a claim concerning supply of defective goods, interference with title, inducing breach of contract, and restitution (during pupillage).

Assisting with advising on a contractual entitlement to recover for increased insurance premiums arising as a result of another party's claims history, in the context of a multiparty insurance arrangement (during pupillage).

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Assisting with pleadings in a claim for nonpayment of share price and earn out payments, seeking an order for an account/specific performance (during pupillage).

Company, Restructuring & Insolvency

Notable Company, Restructuring & Insolvency cases

Assisting with legal research and drafting submissions, including on extraterritorial application of section 423 IA and the applicable law in claims for inducing breach of contract/unlawful means conspiracy, in a claim involving fraudulent misappropriation of shares amounting to a transaction at an undervalue with the intention of defrauding creditors (during pupillage).

Competition

Notable Competition cases

Assisting with legal research and pleadings in a dispute involving contractual IP and parallel import restrictions alleged to be anticompetitive by object or by effect, involving questions of EU law applicability versus contractual enforcement (during pupillage).

Assisting with drafting submissions on disclosure issues in collective proceedings concerning alleged abuse of a dominant position in the ad tech market and claims for damages arising from anti-competitive conduct (during pupillage).

Financial Services

Notable Financial Services cases

Assisting with legal research into the exercise of the FCA's statutory powers in the context of a challenge brought against a consumer redress scheme in Upper Tribunal proceedings (during pupillage).

Group Litigation

Notable Group Litigation cases

Assisting with drafting submissions on disclosure issues in collective proceedings concerning alleged abuse of a dominant position in the ad tech market and claims for damages arising from anti-competitive conduct (during pupillage).

Insurance & Reinsurance

Notable Insurance & Reinsurance cases

Assisting with legal research on Rome I/Rome II conflicts of law issues, service out, and recoverability of consequential loss in a concurrent breach of contract and professional negligence claim involving insurance brokers and business interruption coverage (during pupillage).

Assisting with pleadings in a complicated, high-value EL/PL insurance dispute arising out of catastrophic personal injuries and involving issues of avoidance for alleged breach of the duty of fair presentation (during pupillage).

International Arbitration

Notable International Arbitration cases

Assisting with an LCIA arbitration arising from a contractual dispute concerning sponsorship of a prominent football club (during pupillage).

Assisting with an LCIA arbitration arising from a contractual dispute involving sport broadcast rights, on issues of enforceability of foreign laws (during pupillage).

Media & Entertainment

Notable Media & Entertainment cases

Assisting with an LCIA arbitration arising from a contractual dispute involving sport broadcast rights, on issues of enforceability of foreign laws (during pupillage).

Privilege, Confidentiality & Conflicts of Interest

Notable Privilege, Confidentiality & Conflicts of Interest cases

Assisting with legal research into the scope of the SRA's statutory powers to compel the production of legally privileged material in regulatory investigations (during pupillage).

Assisting with advice and submissions in relation to civil matters adjacent to Entain DPA which concern investor claims and issues of legal professional privilege (during pupillage).



Professional Discipline

Notable Professional Discipline cases

Assisting with advice relating to the regulation of dual capacity barristers, on issues of being validly instructed, conflicts of interest, and client confidentiality (during pupillage).

Professional Negligence

Notable Professional Negligence cases

Assisting with pleadings (with Jeff Chapman KC) in a complex high value professional negligence claim brought against a firm of solicitors, arising from alleged mishandling of negotiations, a mediation, and legal proceedings involving restrictive covenants (during pupillage).

Assisting with research on Rome I/Rome II conflicts of law issues, service out, and recoverability of consequential loss in a concurrent breach of contract and professional negligence claim involving insurance brokers and business interruption coverage (during pupillage).

Sports

Notable Sports cases

Assisting with research in a leapfrog appeal to the UKSC on the scope of the tort of unlawful means conspiracy, arising out of a motorsport dispute (during pupillage).

Assisting with the defence of a claim brought against an athletics club for breach of contract and defamation (during pupillage).

Assisting with an LCIA arbitration arising from a contractual dispute concerning sponsorship of a prominent football club (during pupillage).

Assisting with an LCIA arbitration arising from a dispute involving sport broadcast rights, on issues of enforceability of foreign laws (during pupillage).



Education

Law LLB, Queen's University Belfast – First Class Honours, 1st in cohort of 401

Law LLM (Commercial Specialisation), University of Cambridge – First Class Honours

Appointments, Memberships and Prizes

- Spyrou-Lintott LLM Scholarship – Christ's College, University of Cambridge
- De Hart Prize – Christ's College, University of Cambridge
- Exhibition Scholarship – Inner Temple
- McKane Medal – Queen's University Belfast
- Lord Lowry Prize – Queen's University Belfast
- Oxford University Press Law Prize – Queen's University Belfast
- Rory Conaghan Cup and Prize – Queen's University Belfast
- Sweet & Maxwell Prize – Queen's University Belfast
- Head of School Contribution Prize – Queen's University Belfast
- Sir Donald Murray Prize – Queen's University Belfast
- Carson McDowell LLB Scholarship – Queen's University Belfast
- Lexis Nexis Butterworth Law Prize – Queen's University Belfast
- School of Law Foundation Scholarships – Queen's University Belfast

Publications

'R v Andrewes: judgment day for CV fraudsters? Case commentary on the Supreme Court decision reported at [2022] UKSC 24' (2022) NILQ Vol. 73 No. 4

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