
Juliet Wells

Juliet has a wide-ranging practice spanning public law, commercial law, group litigation, international law, and costs and litigation funding. Many of her cases involve issues at the intersection of those areas.

She is ranked as a Leading Junior in Legal 500 and Chambers and Partners, and in August 2022 was appointed to the Attorney General's C panel of counsel.

Juliet is often instructed in high-profile and complex litigation, regularly undertaking work beyond her level of call. Current and recent highlights of her practice include:

Acting for Post Office Ltd's commercial litigation solicitors in the Post Office Horizon IT Inquiry (led by Jonathan Hough KC).

Advising MHCLG on the design and implementation of its flagship £5bn scheme requiring major developers to remediate high-rise buildings found to be defective following the Grenfell Tower Fire (led by James Eadie KC and Jason Pobjoy KC).

Acting for c.1,500 Brazilian orange farmers in a competition damages claim arising out of alleged breaches of Brazilian antitrust law (led by Alain Choo-Choy KC and Andrew Fulton KC).

Advising the Speaker of the House of Commons on various matters arising out of the Privileges Committee inquiry into allegations that the former prime minister misled the House (led by Andrew O'Connor KC).

Specialisms

Public Law and Human Rights

Juliet is a member of the Attorney General's C panel of counsel.

She acts in high-profile and heavy judicial review claims, and is regularly retained by government departments to advise on the design and implementation of flagship policies and legislation.

She has a particular interest in parliamentary privilege, judicial review procedure, public procurement, and claims by companies alleging A1P1 interference.

Current and recent cases include:

Re the Responsible Actors Scheme

Advising MHCLG on the design and implementation of its flagship £5bn scheme requiring major developers to remediate high-rise buildings found to be defective following the Grenfell Tower Fire (led by James Eadie KC and Jason Pobjoy KC).

Re the Building Safety Levy

Advising MHCLG on the design and implementation of a new £3bn tax on developers, aiming at recouping public expenditure on emergency remediation of buildings found to have unsafe cladding following the Grenfell Tower Fire (led by James Eadie KC and Jason Pobjoy KC).

Re Privileges Committee inquiry into the Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP



Professional Summary

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Assisting Andrew O'Connor KC in advising the Speaker of the House of Commons on various matters arising out of the Privileges Committee inquiry into allegations that the former prime minister misled the House.

Andrew Malkinson Inquiry

Junior counsel to the Andrew Malkinson Inquiry.

Post Office Horizon IT Inquiry

Acting for Post Office Ltd's commercial litigation solicitors, led by Jonathan Hough KC.

Inquests arising from the mass shooting in Keyham, Plymouth

Acted for the families of those killed in the mass shooting in Keyham, Plymouth in August 2021 (one of the deadliest mass shootings in British history), led by Dominic Adamson KC.

R (Hotta & Ors) v Secretary of State for Health and Social Care

[2021] EWHC 3359 (Admin)

Acting for the claimants in a high-profile judicial review claim concerning the compatibility with Article 5 ECHR of the Mandatory Hotel Quarantine scheme (by which c.200,000 travellers returning to the UK from Red List countries were detained during the Covid-19 pandemic). Led by Jamie Burton KC and Adam Wagner KC.

Various Claimants v Secretary of State for Health and Social Care

Advising on a prospective challenge to the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2021 and related policies, led by Simon Jackson KC.

Commercial

Juliet advises and acts in all forms of commercial disputes.

She is especially well-placed to advise on complex procedural issues, including service outside the jurisdiction, disclosure, security for costs, and freezing orders. She is the general editor of Zuckerman on Civil Procedure: Principles of Practice (4th Ed. Sweet & Maxwell, 2021), which is frequently cited by the High Court, Court of Appeal and Supreme Court, and is currently co-authoring a book on the theory and practice of disclosure around the common law world.

Current and recent cases include:

Viegas, Sanches & Others v Cutrale & Others

Acting for around 1,500 Brazilian orange juice farmers in Commercial Court proceedings arising out of an alleged cartel in the orange juice export market in Brazil, led by Alain Choo-Choy KC and Andrew Fulton KC.

Advising the claimant, a commodity trader, on an application to enforce a cross-undertaking given in support of a worldwide freezing order, worth c.£30m.

Advising a state-owned bank the enforcement of a c.£100m foreign judgment debt against assets alleged to have been fraudulently transferred by the debtor to a third-party company in the Isle of Man.

Preparing an expert opinion on English civil procedure on behalf of a state-owned bank, for use in an appeal before the Federal Supreme Court of Switzerland (with Professor Adrian Zuckerman).

Group Litigation

Juliet has a thriving group litigation practice, including competition law claims, environmental damages claims, and public law claims by test claimants.

She has a particular interest in collective proceedings claims under the Consumer Rights Act 2015, which she teaches on Oxford University's BCL course. Her chapter on collective redress in Zuckerman on Civil Procedure: Principles of Practice (4th Ed. Sweet & Maxwell, 2021) was cited by the **Supreme Court in Lloyd v Google LLC** [2021] UKSC 50 in support of the Court's interpretation of the 'same interest' requirement in representative actions.

She is currently advising on possible reforms to the UK's class action regime as part of a working group of practitioners and academics convened by the Collective Redress Lawyers Association (CORLA).

Current and recent cases include:

Município de Mariana and Ors v BHP Group Plc and Anr

Instructed on behalf of more than 700,000 Brazilian claimants (including individuals, municipalities, businesses, and the Catholic Church) in proceedings brought against BHP Group following the collapse of the Fundão Dam in November 2015.

Viegas, Sanches & Others v Cutrale & Others

Acting for around 1,500 Brazilian orange juice farmers in Commercial Court proceedings arising out of an alleged cartel in the orange juice export market in Brazil, led by Alain Choo-Choy KC and Andrew Fulton KC.

Re Mandatory Hotel Quarantine

Advising on a prospective group claim for Human Rights Act and unlawful detention damages, arising out of the government's policy of mandatory hotel quarantine for travellers returning to the UK from Red List countries.

International Law

Juliet acts in both supranational litigation and domestic disputes involving questions of international law. Her expertise spans private international law, international human rights law, international criminal law, environmental protection, and trade and investor-state disputes.

She is well-placed to advise on issues of jurisdiction, state immunity, and applicable law. She has a particular interest in claims giving rise to complex conflicts issues, and those which involve questions of state or corporate liability for human rights abuses.

She is regularly invited to speak at conferences on public international law issues, and has previously addressed events at the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva on alleged breaches of international law by GCC states.

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Hedges & Anor v Al-Raisi & Ors

Representing two British nationals in high-profile international, civil and criminal litigation arising out of their arbitrary detention and torture in the UAE, led by Rodney Dixon KC.

O and S v International Criminal Court

Representing two former members of the ICC's Office of the Prosecutor in international disciplinary proceedings before the Administrative Tribunal of the UN International Labour Organisation, led by Rodney Dixon KC.

X and Y v Saudi Arabia

Application on behalf of two women arbitrarily detained in Saudi Arabia to the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, led by Rodney Dixon KC.

Re FIFA and the Asian Football Confederation

Advising on compliance by FIFA and the Asian Football Confederation with the UN Guiding Principles on

Business and Human Rights, in a case arising out of the mistreatment of a British football fan during the AFC Asian Cup in 2019.

Costs and Litigation Funding

Juliet advises and acts in cases raising a wide range of costs law issues. She recently represented Rebekah Vardy (unled) in the high-profile detailed assessment proceedings arising out of the **Vardy v Rooney** libel case.

She is particularly well-placed to advise on costs and funding in group litigation cases and collective proceedings claims under the Consumer Rights Act 2015 – including identification of common and individual costs, compatibility of funding arrangements with the Damages-Based Agreements Regulations 2013, risks to third party litigation funders, and security for costs applications.

During the legal year 2016–17, Juliet was Judicial Assistant to Lord Justice Jackson at the Court of Appeal, and worked closely with him on his 2017 Supplemental Report on Fixed Recoverable Costs (which led ultimately to the introduction of the new CPR 45 regime in 2023).

Awards

Inner Temple, Internship Award

BPP Law School, Advocacy Scholarship

Inner Temple, Major Scholarship

Inner Temple, Duke of Edinburgh Entrance Award

University of Oxford, Shearman and Sterling Moot Prize

University of Oxford, Holdsworth Society Moot Prize

Appointments

Attorney General's C Panel

Professional Memberships

Administrative Law Bar Association (ALBA)

Bar European Group (BEG)

Collective Redress Lawyers Association (CORLA)

Commercial Bar Association (Combar)

Human Rights Lawyers Association (HRLA)

Education

Magdalen College, University of Oxford: BA Jurisprudence (2014)

BPP Law School, London: BPTC (2016, Outstanding)

Recommendations

“She is a very impressive and intelligent barrister.” **Chambers and Partners 2025**

“She is a fantastic oral advocate and a very strong all-round barrister. Her style of advocacy is fearless and robust: she is able to be the iron fist in a velvet glove.” **Chambers and Partners 2025**

“Juliet has great attention to detail and she is technically astute.” **Chambers and Partners 2025**

“Her written work is concise and very clear.” **Chambers and Partners 2025**

“Juliet is intellectually rigorous and extremely hard-working, presenting the client’s position in a clear and appealing way.” **Legal 500 2025**

“An excellent extradition barrister. She has an excellent command of the law in this area and impresses judges and clients alike. Her clinical and incisive advocacy is exactly what is required in this complex area.” **Legal 500 2025**

“Juliet is fiercely intelligent. She is very good on human rights claims.” **Legal 500 2024**

“Juliet is an up-and-coming barrister of real promise – her written advocacy is forceful and concise, much like her oral advocacy.” **Legal 500 2024**

“Juliet has done extremely well in cross-examination; she is well prepared, fair and tough.” **Chambers and Partners 2024**

“Juliet is a very impressive barrister. Her work ethic, legal analysis and intelligence are incredible.” **Inner Temple, Internship Award**

“Juliet’s advice is clear and thorough. Her written submissions are excellent.” **Legal 500 2023**

Additional information

For the legal year 2016-17, Juliet was Judicial Assistant to Lord Justices Jackson, Flaux and Tomlinson at the Court of Appeal. Before coming to the Bar, she held research posts at UCL and Oxford University, specialising in constitutional law and civil procedure. She maintains her academic interest in civil procedure, and was the general editor of Zuckerman on Civil Procedure: Principles of Practice (4th Ed. Sweet & Maxwell, 2021). She is a contributor to the upcoming 5th edition, and teaches aspects of civil procedure on Oxford University’s BCL course.

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