Juliet Wells



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Juliet is a sought-after junior with 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 Chambers & Partners and Legal 500, and is a member of both the Attorney General's C panel and specialist Public International Law panel.

Juliet is often instructed in high profile and complex litigation, regularly undertaking work beyond her level of call. The legal directories describe her as "*fiercely intelligent*", "*a fantastic oral advocate*", "*fearless and robust*", "*clinical and incisive*", "*intellectually rigorous and extremely hard-working*", "*technically astute*", "*very impressive and intelligent*", "*an excellent professional*" and "*detail-oriented, sharp and assertive*". She often works as part of a team in heavy litigation, and has been described as "*very friendly*" and "*manag[ing] to raise every team member to her level of expectation and quality*".

> ***She is detail-oriented, sharp and self-assured***
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> **LEGAL 500, 2026**

Expertise

Commercial Litigation

Juliet advises and acts in all forms of commercial disputes.

She regularly appears before the Commercial Court and Court of Appeal in commercial matters, and has particular expertise in conflicts of laws, competition and procurement-related disputes, and cases with a public law element.

Many of her cases have an international dimension and she is well-placed to advise on complex procedural issues including service outside the jurisdiction, disclosure, security for costs, and freezing orders. She was the general editor of *Zuckerman on Civil Procedure: Principles of Practice* (4th Ed. Sweet & Maxwell, 2021) and contributed five chapters to the 5th edition (Sweet & Maxwell, 2025).

Cygnet Health Care Ltd v Care Quality Commission

Acting for the CQC (unled) in a high-value procurement-related dispute.

Munícipio de Mariana & Ors v BHP Group Plc & 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.

VTB Bank (PJSC) & Anor v Samika Ltd & Ors

Advised on Isle of Mann proceedings seeking to enforce a c.£100m foreign judgment debt against assets alleged to have been fraudulently transferred by the debtor to a third-party company.

Re proceedings before the Federal Supreme Court of Switzerland

Prepared 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).

Achievements

Education, Scholarships and Awards

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

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

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 London C panel

Public International Law C panel

Government of the British Virgin Islands Panel of Counsel

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)

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 contributed five chapters to the recent 5th edition (Sweet & Maxwell, 2025), and has taught aspects of civil procedure on Oxford University's BCL course.

> ***Juliet is good in hard cases and is good with vulnerable defendants. Her forte is exceptional written advocacy***
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> CHAMBERS & PARTNERS, 2026

> ***She is detail-oriented, sharp and self-assured***
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> ***She is an excellent advocate with an ability to explain complex or unusual points in a clear, succinct and persuasive manner. Her technical knowledge is fantastic***
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> ***Juliet has an excellent, analytical approach to cases.***
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> CHAMBERS & PARTNERS, 2026

> ***Juliet is an excellent professional, she is detail-oriented, sharp and assertive. She is a well-read person with impeccable legal background, and a very friendly person. She manages to raise every team member to her level of expectation and quality.***
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> LEGAL 500, 2026

> ***Juliet works far above and beyond her level of call. She comes across as a very knowledgeable practitioner.***
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> CHAMBERS & PARTNERS, 2026

> *Juliet is adept at handling complex and novel legal issues. She is always well prepared and is a very compelling advocate*

CHAMBERS & PARTNERS, 2026

> *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 & PARTNERS, 2024