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Josephine Gillingwater practices across Chambers' practice areas including public law and human rights, public international law, commercial law, employment and discrimination law, data and information law, procurement, and sports law.

Josephine was the Judicial Assistant to Lord Lloyd-Jones in the Supreme Court and the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council from 2025 to 2026.

As a Judicial Assistant, Josephine has worked on a number of the leading cases of the past year, including *The Kingdom of Bahrain v Shehabi* [2026] UKSC 25, concerning the territorial scope of the personal injury exception to state immunity, and *Infrastructure Services Luxembourg S.A.R.L. v The Kingdom of Spain* [2026] UKSC 9 concerning whether foreign states can rely on state immunity to resist the registration of ICSID awards.

Before coming to the Bar, Josephine worked in international arbitration at Freshfields, WilmerHale, and the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA). She also worked at the International Law Commission of the United Nations. She has volunteered with several pro bono organisations including the Free Representation Unit (FRU), Advocate, the Environmental Law Foundation, and Support Through Court.

Expertise

Commercial Litigation

Josephine worked in arbitration and has experience in matters conducted under the ICC, UNCITRAL and LCIA rules. She has often worked on cases with an international element raising issues of private international law. Her experience in this field includes:

- Assisted in an ICC arbitration governed by English law relating to a West African subsea project and LNG sales to third parties during the lifetime of a sales agreement.*
- Assisted in an ICC arbitration governed by English law arising in the energy sector in the Caribbean.*
- Assisted in an LCIA arbitration governed by Sri Lankan law against a state-owned entity relating to a construction project.*
- Assisted in an UNCITRAL arbitration governed by the UNIDROIT Principles arising from a contract for the provision of goods and services to an intergovernmental organisation.*

*Before coming to the Bar.

Achievements

Education

LLB (First Class Honours), University of Birmingham, 2017 – 2021

Visiting Student in the Faculty of Law, McGill University, 2019 – 2020

LLM in International Law (Summa Cum Laude), Geneva Graduate Institute, 2021 – 2022

PGDip in Bar Practice, Inns of Court College of Advocacy, 2023 – 2024

Awards

Lord Denning Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn

Sir John and Lady Sophie Laws Scholarship, Bar European Group

Pegasus Scholarship, Inner Temple