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Heather Emmerson practises in the areas of public law, regulatory law, professional discipline, data protection and information law.

Heather has over 15 years' experience advising and acting in litigation spanning all areas of her practice. She is regularly instructed in high profile and complex litigation and has appeared before a wide range of courts and tribunals including the High Court, Court of Appeal and Supreme Court. Heather has considerable advocacy experience including multi-day trials, judicial review claims and appellate litigation. Heather is also frequently instructed to advise on ground-breaking and novel points of law. Heather acts for a wide range of clients from private individuals to multi-national companies, regulatory bodies to local authorities, and charitable organisations to governmental bodies.

She is ranked as a leading junior in Chambers and Partners and Legal 500 across all main areas of her practice and described in the directories as "*truly excellent in the field*", "*an accomplished junior who is the all-round package*", and "*an extremely good advocate*". Clients have commented that Heather is "*all over the detail, incredibly thorough and technically excellent*", "*has an encyclopedic understanding of the law*" and is "*supremely intelligent and also very practical, approachable and easy to deal with*".

> ***She radiates assurance.***
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Expertise

Public

Heather is a public law specialist and has a significant advisory and litigation practice in this field. Heather is instructed by both claimants and public authorities to advise on public law issues and is regularly instructed in judicial review claims and appellate cases involving public law issues. Her public law practice spans a broad range of areas including constitutional law, regulation, local government, human rights, housing, immigration, education, healthcare, and environmental law. Heather is featured as a leading public law junior in the legal directories and described as "incredibly bright and combines that with being practical and user-friendly", "extremely good, intelligent and provides clear advice" and "a real rising star, and outstanding for her level of seniority".

Heather is a member of the Attorney General's A Panel of Counsel and the Welsh Government A Panel of Counsel and has appeared in several significant public law cases, including five cases before the Supreme Court. Heather is also regularly instructed by local authorities and regulatory bodies to provide advice and act in relation to public law litigation.

> ***Unfailingly industrious. She is undoubtedly one of the best juniors working in the human rights arena.***
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> LEGAL 500

R (Doncaster MBC) v Doncaster Sheffield Airport Ltd

[2022] EWHC 3060 (ADMIN)

Instructed by South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority as an Interested Party in relation to a judicial review claim challenging the closure of Doncaster Sheffield Airport.

CC v HM Treasury and Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

[2020] EWHC 2817 (ADMIN)

Acting in a judicial review challenge to failure to increase rate of Carer's Allowance during the Covid-19 pandemic. Instructed by the Government Legal Department. Led by Julian Milford KC.

R (Kohler) v Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime

[2018] EWHC 1881 (ADMIN), [2018] ACD 102

Acting in a claim for judicial review of a decision of the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime to close 37 police stations in London. Led by Jonathan Swift KC.

Nottingham City Council v Parr

[2018] UKSC 51, [2018] 1 WLR 4985, SC, OCTOBER 10 2018

Acting for the Secretary State as an intervener in a Supreme Court appeal concerning the imposition by a local authority of conditions on HMOs. Led by Jonathan Moffett KC.

R (C) v Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

[2017] UKSC 72, [2017] 1 WLR 4127

Acting for the Secretary of State in an appeal before the Supreme Court concerning the DWP's Secretary policies on retaining and accessing gender history information. Led by Charles Bourne KC.

McDonald v McDonald

[2016] UKSC 28

Acting for the Secretary of State intervening in an appeal before the Supreme Court concerning whether a Court considering a possession claim brought by a private sector owner against a residential occupier must consider the proportionality of eviction. Led by Sir James Eadie KC and Jonathan Moffett KC.

Hotak v Southwark London Borough Council

[2015] UKSC 30, [2015] 2 WLR 1341

Instructed by Mr Hotak in an appeal before the Supreme Court concerning the test for vulnerability in the homelessness context. Led by Paul Brown KC.

R (Plantagenet Alliance) v Secretary of State for Justice and others

[2015] LGR 172, [2014] EWHC 1662 (QB)

Instructed by the University of Leicester in a judicial review claim concerning the decision to reinter the remains of Richard III in Leicester Cathedral. Led by Anya Proops KC.

R (Stirling) v Haringey London Borough Council

R (STIRLING) V HARINGEY LONDON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Instructed by the London Borough of Haringey in relation to a Supreme Court appeal concerning consulting prior to adopting a Council tax reduction scheme. Led by Clive Sheldon KC.

Achievements

Education

Before coming to the Bar, Heather graduated from St Catharine's College, Cambridge University with a first class degree in Law.

Appointments

Attorney General's A Panel and Welsh Government A Panel.

Other

Heather is a member of the Administrative Law Bar Association and the Association of Regulatory and Disciplinary Lawyers.

She is really excellent to work with. She is all over the detail, incredibly thorough and technically excellent.

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She provides an excellent level of client service. She is responsive, personable and can cut through to issues in a clear and concise manner.

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Heather Emmerson is very strategic and clever when coming up with points on procedure or substance that are exceptionally helpful to clients. She has a pre-planning brain, is a team player and is brilliant on paper.

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an impressive individual involved in some big litigation.

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a very strong barrister technically and in formulating case strategies. Her drafting is excellent, and she has an impressive ability to absorb large quantities of evidence and identify the key issues.

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She radiates assurance.

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Truly excellent in the field. A star of the future if not the present.

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An accomplished junior who is the all-round package.

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The full package. She is meticulous in her grasp of the facts and law, and also responsive to the needs of her client and other stakeholders in the litigation.

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