

Katherine Taunton

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Katherine's practice covers chambers' specialisms, with a particular focus on employment, commercial, information and data protection, and public law.

She is described in the legal directories as *"a brilliant talent", having "judgment decades beyond her call", "an excellent advocate who presents complex issues in a very clear way", "strategically very savvy", "extremely hard-working", "great with clients and witnesses alike" and "always a pleasure to work with".*

Katherine has acted in cases before a wide range of courts and tribunals, up to and including the Supreme Court. Her core practice includes:

- Statutory employment – Katherine is frequently instructed in high-value and complex whistleblowing and discrimination cases, as well as claims of unfair and constructive dismissal, equal pay, and matters involving TUPE.
- High Court commercial and business protection – Katherine has particular expertise in confidential information, restrictive covenants, and team move disputes.



***an extremely strong
advocate***

CHAMBERS & PARTNERS

- Data protection and information law – Katherine advises on and acts in cases concerning the UK GDPR / DPA 2018, both in civil proceedings and actions involving the Information Commissioner's Office, as well as Freedom of Information cases.

Expertise

Public Law

Katherine acts for individuals, local and central government, and a range of other public authorities (including regulators) in all aspects of public law, both led and unled.

Her recent work in this area includes:

- Appearing for the successful local authority before the Supreme Court (led by Andrew Sharland KC) in the most recent leading case on the registration of town and village greens, ***TW Logistics v Essex County Council*** [2021] UKSC 4.
- Acting (led by Tom Cross) for Charlie Hughes, a child with severe epilepsy, in his challenges against NHS bodies and NICE, seeking access to medicinal
- Appearing jointly for Salford City Council and Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust (led by Aileen McColgan KC) in JR proceedings against the provision of care support during hospital stays.

Achievements

Education

London School of Economics, BSc Government and History First Class)

City University, Graduate Diploma in Law Distinction)

City University, Bar Professional Training Course (Outstanding) (Everard Ver Heyden Foundation Prize)

Awards

Major Scholarship (Inner Temple, 2016 and 2017)

Everard Ver Heyden Foundation Prize (City University, 2017)

City Law School Postgraduate Scholarship (City University, 2016 and 2017)

Other

Before coming to the Bar, Katherine was a consultant at a leading public relations firm, where she advised major companies on corporate-level communications strategies and media relations, particularly in the financial services sector.