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*".

> ***Juliet is fiercely intelligent. She is very good on human rights claims.***
>
> LEGAL 500, 2024

Expertise

Public Law & Human Rights

Juliet is a member of the Attorney General's C panel and the Government of the British Virgin Islands panel of counsel.

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

She has particular expertise in parliamentary privilege, judicial review procedure, competition and procurement-related disputes, and claims by companies alleging A1P1 interference.

Re the Electricity Capacity Market

advising DESNZ on various matters relating to the design and functioning of the Electricity Capacity Market, the system by which security of electricity supply is achieved in the UK.

Re the Responsible Actors Scheme

advising MHCLG on the design and implementation of its flagship £5bn scheme to force major developers to remediate unsafe high-rise buildings.

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

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).

Re the Building Safety Levy

advising MHCLG on the design and implementation of a new £3bn tax on developers, aimed at recouping public expenditure on emergency remediation of buildings found to have unsafe cladding following the Grenfell Tower Fire.

Re Privileges Committee inquiry into the Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP

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.

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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> LEGAL 500, 2026

> ***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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> LEGAL 500, 2026

> ***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