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Heather Emmerson practises in the areas of public law, regulatory law, professional discipline, data protection and information law. She is ranked as a leading junior in Chambers and Partners across all main areas of her practice and described as “fiercely bright”, “a genuine rising star” and “a consummate professional”. Heather has appeared before a wide range of courts, tribunals and public inquiries and is regularly instructed in proceedings before the High Court, Court of Appeal and Supreme Court.



She is 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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Expertise

Media & Data Privacy

Heather is an experienced data protection and privacy practitioner. She regularly advises public bodies, individuals and companies on data protection issues including data breach cases. She is currently instructed in relation to i) a ground-breaking group litigation claim arising from a data breach at a FTSE 100 company, ii) an appeal due to be heard by the Supreme Court in July 2017 relating to the retention of historic gender data of transgender customers by the Department for Work and Pensions and iii) a number of claims before the European Court of Human Rights relating to the retention of biometric data and conviction information.

Heather is a public law and human rights specialist and is able to apply her experience and knowledge of article 8 issues to the sphere of data protection. Heather also has a keen interest in media law and was instructed as part of the team of Counsel to the Inquiry on the Leveson Inquiry in relation to the press and the media. She is ranked as a leading junior in this area in Chambers and Partners and described as "fiercely bright."



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Information, Technology & Media

Heather is an experienced information law practitioner. She regularly advises on information law issues in a range of contexts. She has acted for and advised central and local government, regulatory bodies, NGOs and individuals on FOIA issues and has extensive experience of appearing in both the First Tier Tribunal and Upper Tribunal in FOIA cases.



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Achievements

Education

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

Appointments

Attorney General's B Panel

Other

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

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Heather is extremely good, she is intelligent and provides clear advice.

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She is sharp, very user-friendly and has a very good manner both with the client and in court.

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Incredibly bright, very helpful and very good on her feet. Her paperwork is superb and she has very good attention to detail.

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She appears in the most high-profile SDT cases.

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She's very clear and incisive, and very strong at developing a strategy which is most likely to get what the client wants.

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She appears in the most challenging Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal cases

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Extremely bright, quick to pick up the arguments and an excellent team player.

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Fiercely intelligent and able to manage the demands of very complex and high-profile cases.

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She is incredibly bright, practical and user-friendly. She's a wonderful advocate.

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