

Katherine Eddy

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Katherine practises in employment, public and education law, and is ranked in the legal directories as a leading junior in each of these fields. In Chambers and Partners and the Legal 500 she has been described as *"a phenomenal advocate"*; *"a class act"*; *"a brilliant mind"*; *"a clear thinker"*; *"an acute analyst"*; and *"incisive, confident, and intellectually and tactically sound"*.

Katherine came to the UK from Canada on a Commonwealth Scholarship. She has a doctorate in political philosophy from Balliol College, Oxford, and worked as a British Academy Research Fellow at the Centre for the Study of Social Justice in Oxford before joining Chambers.



Katherine has almost too many strengths to list them all: exceptionally thorough in her preparation, with an awe-inspiring attention to detail; laser-focused, tenacious and agile in the hearing itself, and able to respond with speed and precision to unexpected points; supremely sharp and effective in cross-examination; and excellent with clients.

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Expertise

Education

Katherine has a busy education law practice. Her clients in the education field include universities, local authorities, government departments, independent schools, students and parents.

R (on the application of Driver) v Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC

[2020] EWCA CIV 1759; [2021] ELR 193

Challenge to a schools reorganisation decision; the appeal to the Court of Appeal concerned the interpretation of dual language (Welsh and English) legislation

Proprietor of Homeschool v Secretary of State for Education

[2020] UKFTT 0300 (HESC)

Appeal to the FTT about compliance with the independent school standards

JW v Sinai Jewish Primary School Governing Body

[2019] UKUT 88 (AAC)

Appeal to the Upper Tribunal about the extent to which a school's financial resources were relevant to a decision on a disability discrimination claim

Duncombe v Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families

[2011] UKSC 14, 36; [2011] ICR 1312, 495

Appeal to the Supreme Court about the territorial scope of the Employment Rights Act 1996 and less favourable treatment of fixed-term employees

Achievements

Education

Katherine graduated with a first-class degree in politics from Queen's University, Canada. She has an MPhil from King's College, Cambridge, and a DPhil from Balliol College, Oxford.

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Not a single weakness to be found

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She is very good on the law and has a clear and direct advocacy style which is very persuasive

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Very sensible and commercial, she always displays good judgment

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An acute analyst with a really sure grasp of public law principles

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A phenomenal advocate who is very assured and instils confidence

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An excellent junior

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She puts the client at ease and inspires confidence in everything she does

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She is incisive, confident, and intellectually and tactically sound

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A class act; a brilliant mind, a clear thinker and very accommodating

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