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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*".

> ***Has an encyclopaedic understanding of the law combined with the ability to relate to clients, and fantastic advocacy skills.***
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Expertise

Local Government

Heather has particular expertise in local government law and is regularly instructed to advise local authorities on a range of public law issues and has experience bringing and defending claims in this sphere, in particular judicial review claims. Her practice in this area extends to broad range of issues from elections to council tax schemes, from housing and social care obligations to planning and transport matters and governance issues. Heather has also been instructed to conduct confidential investigations on behalf of local authorities.

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.

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 (Stirling) v Haringey London Borough Council

[2014] UKSC 56, [2014] 1 WLR 3947

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.

LEGAL 500

An accomplished junior who is the all-round package.

LEGAL 500

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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