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Rita practises in all of Chambers' core areas of practice including commercial, employment, public & human rights, public international law, information, technology & media, and sport.

She has worked on high-profile cases, with recent highlights including:

- Major High Court team move litigation.
- A significant decision of the High Court relating to a £90 million 'safety valve agreement' entered into between the Department of Education and a local authority.
- A challenge by a high net worth individual to a decision to transfer information concerning his personal finances to the Spanish tax authorities under international tax transparency legislation.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Rita graduated with a first-class degree in Law from the University of Cambridge, and a Distinction on the BCL from the University of Oxford. She was awarded the Eldon Law Scholarship in 2023.

Rita is a fluent Portuguese speaker. She particularly enjoys, and has experience with, using her language skills to assist in disputes with a lusophone angle.

Expertise

Public International

Rita practises in all areas of public international law. For example, during the course of her pupillage she assisted Remi Reichhold, counsel for Mauritius, in relation to the ICJ advisory proceedings on the Obligations of States in Respect of Climate Change.

Rita specialised in public international law during the course of her studies, including both International Law of the Sea and International Economic Law on the BCL. She was a quarter-finalist in the global rounds of the 62nd Philip C. Jessup International Moot Court Competition, as part of the University of Cambridge team.

Achievements

Education

- BVS, City Law School – Distinction
- BCL, University of Oxford – Distinction
- BA Law, University of Cambridge, Gonville & Caius College – First Class

Awards

- Sir John and Lady Sophie Laws Scholarship, Bar European Group
- Eldon Law Scholarship, Faculty of Law, University of Oxford
- Princess Royal Scholarship, Inner Temple
- Duke of Edinburgh Entrance Award, Inner Temple
- Sir William McNair Prize for Law (2020 & 2021), Gonville & Caius College
- Honorary Senior Scholarship, Gonville & Caius College
- Sir William McNair Mooting Prize, Gonville & Caius College
- Tapp Scholarship (2018-2021), Gonville & Caius College

Languages

- Portuguese