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 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

Expertise

Environment & Energy

Juliet has a fast-developing practice in environment and energy law, encompassing energy market disputes, environmental judicial review, regulatory disputes, and tortious claims in respect of environmental harm.

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.

R (EP UK Power Development II Ltd) v National Energy System Operator

Representing the Secretary of State in judicial review proceedings arising out of NESO's refusal to permit the relocation of a proposed major gas-powered generating station.

Re Imports via the Short Straits

Advised DEFRA on the implementation of the post-Brexit system for carrying out Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) checks on plant and animal products entering the UK via the English Channel.

Munícipio de Mariana & Ors v BHP Group Plc & Anr

instructed on behalf of more than 700,000 Brazilian claimants (including individuals, municipalities, businesses, and the Catholic Church) in proceedings brought against BHP Group following the collapse of the Fundão Dam in November 2015.

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

CHAMBERS & PARTNERS, 2026

She is detail-oriented, sharp and self-assured

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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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Juliet has an excellent, analytical approach to cases.

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Juliet works far above and beyond her level of call. She comes across as a very knowledgeable practitioner.

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