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Overview

Talia has a busy practice spanning all of Chambers' areas of work, with a particular interest in commercial litigation and arbitration and international and public law. She has appeared in the High Court and the Court of Appeal and acts for clients across business and the public sector.

Recently, Talia spent six months on secondment at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office.

Before joining Chambers, Talia worked at UN Women in New York, where her work focused on women's access to justice and the rule of law. Talia also worked as a paralegal for a law firm specialising in education and disability law and undertook her own advocacy as a Tribunal Support Volunteer at the Independent Provider of Special Education Advice (**IPSEA**).

Talia has an undergraduate degree in History and a Masters in International Relations and Politics from the University of Cambridge. She completed the GDL (placing first in her year) and the BPTC at BPP Law School in London.

Publications

- Contributor: [A practitioner's toolkit on women's access to justice programming](#) (UN Women, UNDP, UNODC, OHCHR, 2018)

Education

- BPP Law School: Bar Professional Training Course (2020)
- BPP Law School: Graduate Diploma in Law (2019) (first in year)
- University of Cambridge, Trinity College: MPhil in International Relations and Politics (2017)
- University of Cambridge, Trinity College: History (2016)

Awards

- John and Sophie Laws Scholarship, Bar European Group (2021)
- Runner-up, Times Law Awards (2020)
- Career Commitment Scholarship, BPP (2019)
- Diplock Scholarship, Middle Temple (2019)

- Harmsworth Entrance Exhibition, Middle Temple (2019)
- Career Guarantee Scholarship, BPP (2018)

Commercial law

Examples of work:

- Acting as junior counsel for the respondent in [Sharp Corp Limited v Viterro B.V.](#) [2023] EWCA Civ 7. This was an appeal under section 69 of the Arbitration Act 1996 about the meaning of a standard default clause in GAFTA Contract No 24.
- Acting as junior counsel in a Commercial Court CMC in a matter concerning the construction of a guarantee.
- Appearing as sole counsel in the High Court to apply for a final charging order and oppose an application to set aside default judgment.
- Advising the Financial Conduct Authority on regulatory issues related to investments, insurance and redress (part-time secondment).
- Advising on business interruption insurance in the context of Covid-19.
- Assisting (as a pupil) with advice on the disclosure provisions in a freezing order.

Civil fraud and asset tracing

Example cases:

- Assisting (as a pupil) with advice on the disclosure provisions in a freezing order.
- Assisting (as a pupil) with advice on the appropriate basis for a disclosure application (considering the Bankers Trust, Norwich Pharmacal and section 37(1), Senior Courts Act 1981 jurisdictions).

Arbitration

Example cases:

- Acting as junior counsel for the respondent in [Sharp Corp Limited v Viterro B.V.](#) [2023] EWCA Civ 7. This was an appeal under section 69 of the Arbitration Act 1996 about the meaning of a standard default clause in GAFTA Contract No 24.
- Assisting with an application to appoint an arbitrator under section 18 of the Arbitration Act 1996.

Jurisdiction, conflicts and enforcement

Examples of work:

- Advising on the effect of a dispute resolution clause providing for arbitration on a claim brought by way of court proceedings.
- Appearing as sole counsel in the High Court to apply for a final charging order and oppose an application to set aside default judgment.
- Assisting (as a pupil) with various cases raising questions of jurisdiction and private international law, including [Shenzhen SeniorTechnology Material Co Ltd v Celgard LLC](#) [2020] EWCA Civ 1293, [GHS Global Hospitality Ltd v Beale](#) [2021] EWHC 488 (Ch) and [Trappit SA v American Express Europe LLC](#) [2021] EWHC 1344 (Ch).

Public and administrative law

Examples of work:

- Acting as junior counsel for the Defendants in [R \(BK\) v Secretary of State for Work and Pensions and Secretary of State for the Home Department](#) [2023] EWHC 378 (KB). This was a judicial review claim alleging unlawful discrimination under Article 14 of the ECHR read with Article 1 of Protocol 1 and Article 8.
- Acting as junior counsel for the defendant in *R (Bui) v Secretary of State for Work and Pensions; R (Onakoya) v Secretary of State for Work and Pensions* [2022] UKUT 189 (AAC) and [2023] EWCA Civ 566. This was a judicial review about the relationship between National Insurance Numbers and Universal Credit applications.
- Spending six months on secondment at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office.

Before joining Chambers, Talia worked as a paralegal for SV Law and as a Tribunal Support Volunteer for the Independent Provider of Special Education Advice (**IPSEA**). Both roles involved appearing on behalf of clients in the First Tier Tribunal (Special Educational Needs and Disability) and she welcomes instructions in this area.

Public international law

Examples of work:

- Spending six months on secondment at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office.

At UN Women, Talia worked on policy issues involving close consideration of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women as a contributor to [A practitioner's toolkit on women's access to justice programming](#) and the UN Women [Global Gender Equality Constitutional Database](#).

Commodities and shipping

Examples of work:

- Acting as junior counsel for the respondent in [Sharp Corp Limited v Viterro B.V.](#) [2023] EWCA Civ 7. This was an appeal under section 69 of the Arbitration Act 1996 about the meaning of a standard default clause in GAFTA Contract No 24.
- Advising on the correct approach to calculating a party's liability for bunkers while a vessel was off-hire.
- Assisting (as a pupil) with pleadings concerning the frustration of a Charterparty as a result of Covid-19.
- Assisting (as a pupil) with an advice on whether a binding Letter of Undertaking had been entered into.