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Laura is an associate in the commercial litigation and media and reputation teams.

Laura has been doubly recognised by the legal directories as a Key Lawyer in the fields of Civil Fraud and Media work and described as an "associate to watch" and a "key contact" in asset recovery, fraud and dishonesty cases.

Laura's commercial litigation practice often includes large asset tracing and recovery matters, often involving elements of commercial fraud or cases involving allegations of dishonesty. Laura has recent experience of complex applications including for freezing injunctions and other forms of interim relief. Laura regularly acts on cases in the High Court in cases involving fraud, dishonest assistance, breach of fiduciary duty and more.

Laura's media practice comprises all aspects of privacy law including misuse of private information and breach of confidence, particularly with reference to clients who have been accused of a crime or are under investigation, drawing on her experience in commercial fraud. Laura recently acted for a client who was a minor at the time and who sought a permanent reporting restrictions order.

Laura's clients are family offices, successful families, trustees, football agents, entrepreneurs, world-renowned artists, film directors and other high net worth individuals.

Laura also assists with contentious tax litigation and has experience in judicial review.

Track record

The late Sir Roger Scruton

We acted for renowned UK philosopher and academic Sir Roger Scruton in his high profile battle against political and cultural magazine, The New Statesman. Following the publication of an article with a number of defamatory remarks and subsequent tweets, Sir Roger was dismissed from his position as Chairman on a government commission. With our advice, the matter culminated in a full published apology from The New Statesman, a separate apology from James Brokenshire MP who dismissed Sir Roger, as well as his reappointment to the government commission, restoring his reputation and life's work.

Freezing injunction

Obtained an ex parte freezing injunction involving accusations of fraud in a significant multi-jurisdictional claim

Insolvency Act

Defending a circa. £10 million claim under section 423 Insolvency Act for transaction at an undervalue

Commercial Agents Regulations

Acting for a fashion agent against a principal for a claim under the Commercial Agents (Council Directive) Regulations 1993

Reporting accuracy

Regularly assisting a well-known UK business in dealing with enquiries from national newspapers and drafting pre-publication correspondence to ensure accuracy in reporting

HMRC enquiries

Acting for a successful businessman in relation to various HMRC enquiries and related tax tribunal and Court of Appeal proceedings.

Recent recognition



Education

UCL, BA History (2.1)

University of Law, GDL (Distinction)

University of Law, LPC (Distinction)

Languages

English

Key dates

Year joined: 2017

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