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## Practice Overview

Anneliese is developing a broad commercial and chancery practice in line with Chambers' profile. She has a particular interest in matters concerning private wealth, contracts and commercial arrangements, intellectual property and art law.

Anneliese completed pupillage in 2023 and was supervised by Stephanie Wickenden, Dan McCourt Fritz KC, Harry Martin, and Thomas Elias. She also assisted James Weale and Constance McDonnell KC in two multi-week trials concerning ancillary relief in divorce, and contentious probate (lack of capacity, want of knowledge and approval), respectively. During pupillage, she worked on a broad range of private client and commercial matters which often contained multiple legal issues spanning copyright and trademark infringement, artwork, unfair prejudice petitions, breach of contract, civil fraud, breach of director's and fiduciary duties, and rectification of trust deeds. Notable matters in which she was involved include *Hirachand v Hirachand & Ors* UKSC 2022/0015 on appeal from [2021] EWCA Civ 1498 (for the Respondent), *THG plc and others v. Zedra Trust Company (Jersey) Limited* [2024] EWCA Civ 158. (for the successful Appellants), and *EasyGroup Ltd v Easy Live (Services) Ltd & Ors* [2023] EWCA Civ 1508 (for the successful Appellant).

Anneliese brings her prior professional and commercial experience to her legal work. Before transferring to the Bar, Anneliese was a Specialist in Impressionist and Modern Art at leading international auction houses, working closely with small businesses and high-net-worth private collectors and their estates. She also holds an MBA and worked in strategy consulting and market research full-time alongside her legal studies, for which she obtained the prestigious Lord Denning Major Scholarship from Lincoln's Inn.

Anneliese is fluent/bilingual in French, conversant in Spanish, and speaks and reads basic German.

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## Areas of Expertise

### Company

Assisted Thomas Elias in matters including unfair prejudice petitions, claims for breaches of directors' duties including liability for inaction, and an application to Court for guidance on the dissolution and distribution of a trust fund.

Assisted Dan McCourt Fritz KC in matters involving breaches of directors' and fiduciary duties, and in preparing the successful appeal establishing for the first time the limitation periods applicable to certain unfair prejudice petitions: *THG plc and others v. Zedra Trust Company (Jersey) Limited* [2024] EWCA Civ 158.

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### Private Client Trusts and Probate

Assisted Harry Martin on a contested will dispute (lack of capacity, knowledge and approval) and helped to draft advice on the merits of a claim for rectification of a trust deed with a particular focus on potential tax consequences.

Assisted Constance McDonnell KC and George Vare in preparation for, and during, a twelve-day probate trial concerning lack of testamentary capacity and knowledge and approval, representing the successful Claimants: *Leonard v Leonard* [2024] EWHC 321(ChD)

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## **Private International Law**

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A number of the matters to which Anneliese contributed during pupillage involved cross-border elements in line with her supervisors' practices; her work included drafting advice on possible jurisdictional complications where there had been secondary copyright infringement in several jurisdictions.

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## **International and Offshore**

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### **Commercial Litigation**

Assisted Thomas Elias in a matter concerning construction of, and breach of, contract.

Assisted Dan McCourt Fritz KC both in research and drafting for matters including claims of breach of contract, unjust enrichment, constructive trusts, and professional negligence.

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### **Civil Fraud**

Assisted Dan McCourt Fritz KC in matters concerning claims of deceit and fraudulent misrepresentation, as well as applications for committal, and an urgent proprietary injunction against a former director.

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### **Insolvency**

Assisted Max Marenbon in a successful suspension of discharge application.

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## **Sports, Entertainment & Media**

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### **Art & Cultural Property**

Anneliese brings the strength and depth of her expertise in the international art market to legal work pertaining Art and Cultural Property. As an auction house specialist, Anneliese researched and catalogued artwork, collaborating with academic experts, moral right-holders, and artist's foundations to get new pieces authenticated. She also worked and negotiated directly with buyers and sellers – individuals, estates, dealers, and galleries – to build numerous successful auctions in her field of specialism.

During pupillage, Anneliese assisted Stephanie Wickenden in advising an art gallery on a matter concerning breach of directors' duties, trademark infringement, and breach of contract and assisted Harry Martin in advising a collector on the merits of a claim for delivery up of high-value collectibles.

She also drafted pleadings and opinions (for Stephanie Wickenden) in respect of copyright infringement in the context of "appropriation art" and interior design.

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## Intellectual Property

Under the supervision of Stephanie Wickenden, Anneliese produced both research and drafting for matters including the following trade mark infringement disputes and opposition proceedings in the IPO:

*EasyGroup Ltd v Easy Live (Services) Ltd & Ors* [2023] EWCA Civ 1508 (also assisting Michael Edenborough KC) for the successful appellant

*EasyGroup Ltd v Nuclei Ltd and Ors* [2023] EWCA Civ 1247

Katjes Fassin GmbH and Marks & Spencer Plc v Swizzels Matlow Ltd (Unreported) relating to the appearance of the well-known Percy Pigs sweets

*Photobooths Props Ltd and Ors v NEPBH Ltd and Ors (2023) EWHC 3478 (IPEC)* wherein an unusual costs order in the IPEC was obtained.

*NCSoft Corporation v Fever Labs Inc* (Unreported)

*Tea Lab Company Ltd v Wissotzky Tea (Israel) Ltd* (Unreported)

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## Partnership and LLP

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### Property

Anneliese welcomes instructions concerning real and personal property.

During her legal studies she conducted independent research on the topic of common intention constructive trusts and proprietary estoppel.

During pupillage she also assisted Harry Martin in drafting advice on the merits of an application for delivery up of high-value collectibles.

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## Matrimonial Finance: Trusts and Company law

Assisted James Weale in the preparation for and at the nine-day trial for ancillary relief following divorce, involving a third-party company as intervenor.

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## Selected Scholarships and Prizes

Lord Denning Major Scholarship (Bar Course), Lincoln's Inn  
BTC Scholarship, BPP Law School  
Merit-based bursary, University of Cambridge, Judge Business School  
Research fellowship and Senior Thesis Grant, Princeton University

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## **Education & Qualifications**

BTC, BPP Law School [Very Competent/Merit]

GDL, BPP Law School, [Distinction]

MBA, Pembroke College, University of Cambridge, Judge Business School

BA, Princeton University (Junior year at La Sorbonne-Paris IV) History of Art, French

USPAP (United States professional personal property appraisal certification) Appraisers Association of America [2014, 2016]

## **Memberships**

Chancery Bar Association

Art Lawyers Association

Commercial Bar Association (COMBAR)

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