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## Claudia Barry

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## Practice Overview

Claudia has a broad commercial and chancery practice. She joined Chambers in October 2024 following the successful completion of her pupillage. During pupillage she assisted with cases before the High Court, Court of Appeal and Supreme Court across a wide variety of Chambers' core practice areas including commercial litigation and civil fraud. Claudia was supervised by [Stephanie Wickenden](#), [Jonathan McDonagh](#), [Matthew Morrison](#) and [Michael Walsh](#).

Before coming to the Bar, Claudia was a solicitor at Allen & Overy in the litigation, arbitration and investigations team in Dubai, having trained with the firm in London and completed banking and corporate seats. As a solicitor, Claudia worked on complex commercial and banking litigation before the UK and Dubai courts, in addition to international disputes and investigations involving sovereign wealth funds. She frequently worked with solicitors and counsel in multiple jurisdictions on high value cross-border litigation and arbitrations.

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## Areas of Expertise

### Commercial Litigation

Claudia has a broad experience of commercial litigation, both during pupillage and as a solicitor, and assisted in numerous cases before the High Court, Court of Appeal, Supreme Court, foreign courts, and arbitral tribunals.

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### Civil Fraud

Claudia has a particular interest and broad experience in civil fraud, especially with an international dimension. During pupillage she successfully assisted [Max Marenbon](#) in *Glenea Contracts v Friel* [2024] EWHC 1243 (Ch), an employee fraud trial.

Claudia (led by [Simon Hattan](#) and [Oliver Jones](#)) acts for the claimants in proceedings in the Chancery Division (Various claimants v Equiti Capital UK Limited) claiming compensation of over \$40 million from the defendant for its dishonest assistance and knowing receipt in a fraudulent foreign exchange based investment scheme.

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### Banking and Financial Services

During pupillage, Claudia assisted [Michael Walsh](#) in obtaining interim remedies (including freezing and proprietary injunctions) for banks. She has broad experience of this area from her work as a solicitor.

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### Private Client Trusts and Probate

Claudia (led by [Dakis Hagen KC](#) and [Oliver Jones](#)) is currently advising the trustees of a Jersey trust worth around CHF 400 million.

During pupillage, Claudia assisted numerous members of Chambers on a range of contentious private client work, including preparing advice and pleadings, and attending conferences and a mediation. Much of this work had a company law element.

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## Private International Law

Much of Claudia's work involves conflict of law issues. During pupillage, Claudia assisted [Jonathan McDonagh](#) with various matters, including conflicts issues, in *Município de Mariana and oths v BHP Group* (the Fundão Dam disaster litigation).

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## Property

Claudia (led by [Michael Walsh](#)) acts for the respondents in the Court of Appeal in *Abacus Land 4 Limited v Bradley & Rhodes*. The Court will consider the meaning of reasonableness in the context of the exercise of a contractual discretion in service charge clauses under a lease. The Court will be asked to resolve the conflict between authorities of the Upper Tribunal and determine whether the test is objective reasonableness or mere rationality in the Braganza sense.

Claudia (led by [Michael Walsh](#)) acts for the defendant in relation to the allegedly fraudulently misrepresented financing of various property developments.

During pupillage, Claudia assisted [Michael Walsh](#) on a wide variety of property law matters.

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## UAE & DIFC Litigation

Before coming to the Bar, Claudia was a disputes solicitor with Allen & Overy in Dubai. During pupillage, Claudia assisted [Rupert Reed KC](#) with an ongoing shareholder dispute in Dubai.

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## Professional Negligence

During pupillage, Claudia assisted [Michael Walsh](#) with a professional negligence claim.

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## Group Litigation

During pupillage, Claudia assisted [Jonathan McDonagh](#) in *Município de Mariana and oths v BHP Group* (the Fundão Dam disaster litigation).

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## Intellectual Property

During pupillage, Claudia worked on a large number of matters involving trademark infringement, passing off and copyright infringement.

Claudia successfully assisted [Stephanie Wickenden](#) and [Niamh Herrett](#) in defending a trademark and passing off claim in *Thatchers Cider Company Limited v Aldi Stores Limited* [2024] EWHC 88 (IPEC).

She further assisted [Stephanie Wickenden](#) in Court of Appeal in *easyGroup Limited v Nuclei Limited and others* [2023] EWCA Civ 1247.

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## **Education & Qualifications**

Bachelor of Civil Laws, Jesus College, University of Oxford (Distinction), 2022

Solicitor, England & Wales, 2020

LLM Commercial Legal Practice Course, BPP University (Distinction), 2018

Law with Australian Law, University of Nottingham with year abroad at University of Queensland (First Class with Distinction in Australian Law), 2016

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