



## Eleni Dinenis

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### Practice Overview

Eleni joined chambers in 2016 and is developing a broad commercial and chancery practice across Serle Court's areas of expertise, with a focus on civil fraud, contentious trusts (including offshore work), insolvency, partnership and company, and property. Eleni appears regularly in the High Court as junior counsel and is instructed in her own right on interlocutory matters. Eleni also undertakes a range of County Court work and has recently been instructed in a number of trials.

Her recent work in the High Court includes acting as a junior for Professor David Carrol, a creditor in the high profile insolvency of Cambridge Analytica; acting for the respondents in a number of claims for injunctive relief; an international insolvency dispute involving entities in Cayman and Bahrain, a cross-border commercial misrepresentation/breach of contract dispute with concurrent proceedings in England and the USA, and assisting with a successful appeal in the Court of Appeal regarding professional negligence claims in relation to a defective employee benefit trust tax scheme.

Eleni recently spent two months on secondment at CM Murray LLP, a boutique Partnership and Employment firm, where she assisted with a range of litigation and advisory work including resisting an application for an injunction to enforce restrictive covenants and advising on Partner team moves.

Eleni spent the first year of her practice working at the Supreme Court as the judicial assistant to Lord Reed and Lord Hughes. She assisted with a number of high-profile cases in the Supreme Court and Privy Council, including *Investment Trust Companies v HMRC* (which clarified the law of unjust enrichment), and the 'Brexit case' *R(Miller) v Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union*.

Eleni completed pupillage in October 2016, and was supervised by Ruth den Besten, Giles Richardson, Matthew Morrison and Richard Wilson QC. Prior to coming to the Bar, Eleni worked as an investment banker in mergers and acquisitions in the financial institutions sector. Her technical financial and accounting background means she is comfortable with cases involving quantitative elements.

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## Areas of Expertise

### Civil Fraud

Eleni acted as junior counsel representing a Mongolian copper mine in responding to an application for worldwide freezing relief.

Eleni acted as junior counsel for a solicitors' firm in an application for a charging order to enforce a solicitors' lien against a former client.

During pupillage Eleni assisted Ruth den Besten in a number of civil fraud matters, including responding to an application for s.25 and other interim relief (*Ras Al Kaimah Investment Authority v Bestfort & Ors* [2015] EWHC 3383 (Ch)), proceedings alleging that an investment was procured by fraudulent and negligent misrepresentation (*Sears v Minco* [2016] EWHC 433 (Ch)), and a claim against a charity executive who had misappropriated assets.

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### Commercial Litigation

Eleni is developing a busy general commercial practice, both as junior and sole counsel. She recently acted as junior counsel for a claimant seeking to restrain by way of anti-suit relief concurrent proceedings for breach of contract/fraudulent misrepresentation brought by the defendant in the USA.

She has also advised in writing on a range of matters such as abuse of process, foreign currency claims and recognition of foreign judgments. She appears regularly in the County Court in general commercial disputes, including acting successfully in a recent trial of liability in a dispute over sale commission payments.

Eleni assisted with a successful appeal in the Court of Appeal regarding professional negligence claims in relation to a defective employee benefit trust tax scheme (*Barker v Baxendale Walker* [2018] 1 WLR 1905). During pupillage Eleni assisted with a variety of banking matters, including claims in relation to the wrongful sale of interest rate hedging products, and proceedings on behalf of a European bank challenging a European Enforcement Order in the context of a special administration under the Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive (2014/59/EU).

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### Insolvency

Eleni appears regularly in the Insolvency and Companies Court, acting in winding up petitions and other insolvency applications such as relief under s.212 Insolvency Act 1986.

While on secondment at Taylor Wessing LLP, Eleni acted for the Liquidator of a Cayman company in an international insolvency dispute involving trust claims against a Bahrain bank.

During pupillage Eleni also assisted in a range of insolvency matters, including proceedings defending claims brought by a liquidator under sections 238(1) and 241(1) of the Insolvency Act 1986, proceedings on behalf of a

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## Property

Eleni undertakes a range of property work and appears regularly in the County Courts. A recent selection of her work includes drafting proceedings in a boundary dispute, obtaining orders for sale and possession orders, acting proceedings defending an application for an order under s.14 TOLATA, and obtaining injunctions for the Canal and River Trust.

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## Private Client Trusts and Probate

Eleni also undertakes traditional chancery work. She recently advised on a 1975 Act claim, and was instructed to apply for the appointment of a receiver by way of equitable execution over an interest under a will. Eleni has been instructed on a number of offshore trust matters, including advising on intended complex claims for breach of trust against a Jersey trustee, and an intended application to set aside a trustee decision on the grounds of mistake in the context of unintended tax consequences. .

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## Chancery

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## Company

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## Publications

*'Caring and sharing'* (May 2019) STEP Journal

## Prizes

OUP Prize for Advocacy and Procedure, City University  
Buchanan Prize, Lincoln's Inn  
Lord Mansfield Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn  
Scholarship, St Hugh's College, Oxford University

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## Education & Qualifications

BPTC, City University  
GDL, City University  
BA (Hons), Oxford University

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