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## Practice Overview

Dr Sinéad Agnew is the inaugural Catherine Seville Lecturer in Law at Newnham College and the University of Cambridge, where she lectures in Equity and Land Law. Previously, she taught at UCL and the University of Cardiff.

Before becoming an academic, Sinéad practised law for a decade, first as a full-time member of Serle Court and subsequently as a litigation lawyer in leading Jersey firms, such as Bedell Cristin and Ogier. During her time in practice, she undertook a wide range of work, including civil fraud and asset tracing, high value trusts disputes, advising trustees on all legal aspects of trusts administration, insolvency, multi-jurisdictional enforcement proceedings and multi-jurisdictional probate disputes. She is a founding member and former governor of the Institute of Law in Jersey.

Sinéad has published widely on equity and the law of trusts, Jersey law and modern legal history. She has edited two collections of essays: *Modern Studies in Property Law: Volume 10* (Hart, 2019) (with Ben McFarlane) and *Pensions: Law, Policy and Practice* (Hart, 2020) (with Paul S Davies and Charles Mitchell).

Sinéad is a co-author of the next editions of *Underhill and Hayton: Law of Trusts and Trustees* 20<sup>th</sup> edn (LexisNexis Butterworths, forthcoming 2021) (with Jonathan Harris, Paul Matthews and Charles Mitchell) and *Sealy & Worthington's Text, Cases and Materials in Company Law* 12<sup>th</sup> edn (OUP, forthcoming 2022) (with Sarah Worthington). She is also working on a monograph, which seeks to explain the role of conscience in private law.

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## Areas of Expertise

### Chancery

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### Property

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### Private Client Trusts and Probate

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### International and Offshore

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## Publications

S Agnew, Prof. Jonathan Harris QC, HHJ Paul Matthews and Prof. Charles Mitchell, '*Underhill and Hayton, Law of Trusts and Trustees 20th edition*' (March 2022)

S Agnew & B McFarlane, 'The Nature of Trusts and the Conflict of Laws' (2021) LQR (forthcoming)

S Agnew, PS Davies & C Mitchell (eds), *Pensions: Law, Policy and Practice* (Hart, 2020)

S Agnew, 'Trusts as Pension Pots: A Legal-Historical Perspective, c 1800-1925' in S Agnew, PS Davies & C Mitchell (eds), *Pensions: Law, Policy & Practice* (Hart, 2020)

S. Agnew, 'Stephen Waddams: Sanctity of Contracts in a Secular Age: Equity, Fairness and Enrichment' (2020) MLR

S Agnew & B McFarlane (eds), *Modern Studies in Property Law: Volume 10* (Bloomsbury, 2019)

S Agnew & B McFarlane, 'The Paradox of the Equitable Proprietary Claim' in S Agnew & B McFarlane (eds), *Modern Studies in Property Law: Volume 10* (Bloomsbury, 2019) 303

S Agnew & S Douglas, 'Self-Declarations of Trust' (2019) 135 LQR 67

S Agnew & K Purkis, 'Trustees' Indemnities – Is Timing Everything?' (2018) 24 T & T 989

S Agnew, 'The Meaning and Significance of Conscience in Private Law' (2018) 77 CLJ 479

S Agnew, 'Some Thoughts on the Relationship Between the Pauline Action and the *Désastre* Regime in Jersey' (2012) JGL Rev 63

S Agnew, 'Restitutionary Weapons in the Fight Against Fraud' (2008) JGL Rev 24

S Agnew, 'Trustees, Tax and Disclosure – the HMRC Dimension' (2007) JGL Rev 72

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## **Education & Qualifications**

LLB (Hons), Trinity College Dublin

M Juris (Oxon)

M Phil (Cantab)

PhD (LSE).

## **Memberships**

Academic member of the Chancery Bar Association

Fellow of the Higher Education  
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