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Practice Overview

Stephanie joined chambers in October 2018 following the successful completion of her pupillage. Her pupil supervisors were Dakis Hagen QC, Constance McDonnell, Dan McCourt Fritz and Ruth den Besten. During pupillage Stephanie worked on cases in each of Chambers' areas of practice.

Prior to joining Serle Court, Stephanie was a barrister in New Zealand for three years. She appeared regularly in the New Zealand High Court and Court of Appeal, including as junior counsel in several fraud trials and unled on interlocutory matters. She also completed an LLM at the University of Cambridge, where she received the BRD Clarke Prize for coming first in her year and prizes for coming first in each of her four subjects.

Areas of Expertise

Chancery

Civil Fraud

Instant Access Properties Ltd v Rosser [2018] EWHC 756 (Ch): Assisted Lance Ashworth QC and Matthew Morrison in acting for one of the defendants in proceedings alleging fraudulent breach of fiduciary duties, shadow directorship, tax evasion and fraudulent trading.

Barley v Muir [2018] EWHC 619 (QB): Assisted Ruth den Besten in a claim for fraudulent misrepresentation arising out of an investment in a pharmaceutical company. Assisted in a separate application for disclosure by the police of documents acquired during their parallel criminal investigation for use in the civil trial.

Accident Exchange Ltd v McLean: Assisted Hugh Norbury QC, Dan McCourt Fritz and Charlotte Beynon in acting for one of the principal defendants to the £130m unlawful means conspiracy claim brought by Accident Exchange

Willmont v Elm International Ltd: Assisted Justin Higgo acting for respondents to a worldwide freezing order and ancillary disclosure order

Kernel Holdings Ltd v TCS (NZ) Ltd (March 2015): Junior counsel for the claimant in an eight day trial in the New Zealand High Court concerning fraud by a franchisee (settled post-trial, prior to judgment)

Angus v ACE Insurance Ltd [2014] NZHC 258: Junior counsel for the claimant hotel-owner insured in a four week trial in the New Zealand High Court in which the defendant insurance company alleged arson and insurance fraud

Commercial Litigation

Rapid Home Warranties Ltd v Farooq: Represented the respondent on a short notice application for an interim injunction in the High Court

Stavrinides v Cyprus Popular Bank Public Co Ltd [2018] EWHC 313 (Ch): Assisted Dan McCourt Fritz in an application for security for costs with regard to litigation arising out of funding for substantial London property developments

Bannock v Monaco Management Ltd [2016] NZHC 2842: Junior counsel for the claimants in a three week trial in the New Zealand High Court concerning breach of securities legislation and land transfer fraud

Overton Holdings Ltd v APN NZ Ltd (2014) 15 NZCPR 426: Junior counsel for the defendant in a five day trial in the New Zealand High Court, successfully defending allegations of misrepresentation in connection with the sale of commercial premises. Also junior counsel for the respondent in the subsequent appeal to the New Zealand Court of Appeal, which was successfully resisted: *Overton Holdings Ltd v APN NZ Ltd* (2015) 17 NZCPR 251

King v PFL Finance Ltd [2015] NZCA 517: Junior counsel in the New Zealand Court of Appeal, successfully representing the respondent in an appeal concerning breach of receivers' duties, the hearsay rule and damages for loss of a chance

Waterfront Properties (2009) v Lighter Quay Residents' Society [2015] NZAR 492: Junior counsel for the appellant in the New Zealand Court of Appeal, in a case concerning whether an expert had materially breached his mandate by failing to question witnesses and therefore whether the expert determination was liable to be set aside

Company

Instant Access Properties Ltd v Rosser [2018] EWHC 756 (Ch): Assisted Lance Ashworth QC and Matthew Morrison in defending allegations that one of the parties was a shadow director and had acted in breach of

fiduciary duties owed as a shadow director

Global Gaming Ventures (Group) Ltd v Global Gaming Ventures (Holdings) Ltd [2018] EWCA Civ 68: Assisted Philip Marshall QC and Ruth den Besten in appealing the dismissal of an application by a company director and shareholder for access to company documents

First Subsea Ltd v Balltec Ltd: Assisted Andrew Moran QC in an appeal to the Supreme Court concerning the application of s 21 of the Limitation Act 1980 to breaches of fiduciary duty by company directors

Assisted Dan McCourt Fritz in advising a company on giving financial assistance for the purchase of its own shares

International and Offshore

Crociani (appeals): Currently assisting Dakis Hagen QC in representing one of the appellants following breach of trust litigation in Jersey

Partnership and LLP

In re Infund LLP [2018] EWHC 1306 (Ch): Assisted John Machell QC and Dan McCourt Fritz in representing the defendants to a claim brought by Grupo Mexico seeking to avoid the restoration of an LLP to the Register of Companies.

Private Client Trusts and Probate

Crociani (appeals): Currently assisting Dakis Hagen QC in representing one of the appellants following breach of trust litigation in Jersey

Gupta v Gupta [2018] EWHC 135 (Ch): Assisted Constance McDonnell in successfully defending claims to pronounce against the deceased's will for want of knowledge and approval

Assisted Constance McDonnell in representing the interests of unborn and unascertained beneficiaries in an application for approval of a scheme of arrangement under the Variation of Trusts Act 1958

Assisted (separately) Dakis Hagen QC and Constance McDonnell in various separate claims made under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975, including claims by spouses, claims by adult disabled children and representing minor beneficiaries in a claim made by one of their parents

Assisted Constance McDonnell in representing minor beneficiaries in a *Public Trustee v Cooper* application to approve the sale of shares in a privately held company

Intellectual Property

Publications

K Davenport QC and S Thompson "Piercing the Trust Structure at a Relationship's End: Interesting Developments from the New Zealand Supreme Court" (Trusts & Trustees, OUP 2016)

DAR Williams QC and Stephanie Thompson "Interim Measures in New Zealand", a chapter in Interim Measures in International Arbitration (Juris Publishing, 2014)

Prizes

BRD Clarke Prize for Best Overall Performance in the LLM (Cambridge)

Goff and Jones Prize for the Law of Restitution (Cambridge)

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Travers Smith Prize for International Commercial Tax (Cambridge)

Volterra Fietta Prize for International Investment Law (Cambridge)

Glanville Williams Prize for the LLM (Jesus College, Cambridge)

Russell Vick Prize for Law (Jesus College, Cambridge)

New Zealand Law Foundation Ethel Benjamin Scholarship, Gordon Watson Scholarship, Spencer Mason Scholarship and LB Wood Scholarship (2016)

Prizes for Company Law and Agency Law (University of Auckland)

Education & Qualifications

LLM (Distinction) University of Cambridge

BA, LLB (Hons) University of Auckland

Called to the New Zealand Bar in 2013
