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Practice Overview

Suzanne joined Chambers in December 2025 after completing pupillage under the supervision of [Matthew Morrison KC](#), [Sophie Holcombe](#), [Jonathan Upton](#), and [Thomas Elias](#).

Suzanne accepts instructions across Chambers' core specialisms and is building a broad commercial chancery practice. As a pupil, Suzanne assisted on a wide range of matters including civil fraud, offshore trusts, property, insolvency, and company law.

Before coming to the Bar, Suzanne spent a decade working in policy and communications roles at the Cabinet Office, Meta (policy communications and spokesperson), and Taboola (global head of content policy). This experience informs her approach to commercial and corporate disputes.

Suzanne is a native French speaker and trained in France at the École Normale Supérieure (Paris-Saclay).

Areas of Expertise

International and Offshore

- Assisted [John Machell KC](#) on a case concerning trust funds following compulsory redemption of shares held by sanctioned entities in the Cayman Islands, including advising and drafting a skeleton argument.
 - Assisted [Sophie Holcombe](#) on a dispute concerning defective exercise of trustees' powers and rectification under Jersey law.
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Civil Fraud

- Assisted [Matthew Morrison KC](#) in drafting particulars of claim for restitution for restitution arising from breach of fiduciary duty and deceit.
 - Assisted [Sophie Holcombe](#) in a case involving allegations of breach of directors' duties and knowing receipt.
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Company

- Assisted [Sophie Holcombe](#) in derivative action proceedings arising from a long-running family trust dispute.
 - Assisted [Thomas Elias](#) in an unfair prejudice petition in respect of a national chain of car dealerships involving allegations that investors wrongly took control in breach of fiduciary duty.
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Commercial Litigation

- Assisted [Sophie Holcombe](#) on *Municipio de Mariana v BHP Group*, the largest group litigation ever brought before the English courts. The claim arises from the collapse of the Fundão Dam in Brazil, thought to be one of the largest environmental disasters in Brazil.
 - Assisted [Thomas Elias](#) in resisting an injunction to enforce a post-termination restrictive covenant.
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Professional Negligence

- Assisted [Max Marenbon](#) on a case involving allegations of negligent misstatements by an accountant.
 - Assisted [Matthew Morrison KC](#) in drafting particulars and negotiating the settlement of a case involving allegations of professional negligence and breach of fiduciary duty by solicitors in connection with financial agreements in a property development.
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Property

- Assisted [Jonathan Upton](#) on a dispute concerning variation of a restrictive covenant under s. 84 of the Law of Property Act 1925.
 - Assisted [Jonathan Upton](#) on a case concerning the interaction between the Building Safety Act 2022 and the responsibilities of s. 24 managers.
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Intellectual Property

- Assisted [Stephanie Wickenden](#) and [Stefano Braschi](#) on a trademark and passing off dispute involving matters of conflict of laws and international enforcement of judgments.
 - Assisted [Thomas Elias](#) on a dispute between software companies arising from allegations of trademark infringement, passing off, and unlawful interference.
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Insolvency

- Assisted [Jennifer Meech](#) on an application for an injunction restraining a party from issuing statutory demands under the court's inherent jurisdiction.
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Education & Qualifications

- The University of Law, BPC (Very Competent)
- The University of Law, GDL (Distinction)
- École Normale Supérieure (Paris-Saclay), Fellowship
- La Sorbonne, MSc Sociology (First)
- La Sorbonne, BSc Economics & BSc Sociology (First)

Memberships

- Advocate (panel member)
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