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Amy Proferes' practice covers both traditional and commercial Chancery. She has particular interests in contentious probate, company, civil fraud, and property, and is experienced in dealing with cases where these areas overlap. She appears regularly in the High Court, often unled, but also enjoys working as part of a larger team. She is ranked as a leading junior in Private Wealth & Probate by Legal 500 and in Chancery: Traditional by Chambers & Partners.

Amy is an advanced advocacy tutor at Lincoln's Inn and also helps run the Inn's debating society.

Expertise

Company

Recent Cases

- Instructed as junior counsel for the Respondent to an unfair prejudice petition brought by his two sons in respect of the Respondent's businesses, in which the sons had worked. A proprietary estoppel claim, in which the sons assert they are entitled to all of the shares in the holding company, is being case-managed and heard together with the petition.
- Instructed as junior counsel for the Petitioner in an unfair prejudice petition. The case turns on the interpretation of a shareholders' agreement and the company's articles, and whether certain terms should be implied.
- *Devani v Sharon* [2026] EWHC 1037 (Ch) – Acted for the claimant in a shareholders' dispute turning on an alleged oral
- *Aston Risk Management v Jones & Ors* [2023] EWHC 603 (Ch) – Represented a defendant former director in a claim alleging breaches of duty, transactions at an undervalue, and preferences. The claim settled against Amy's client on the first day of trial.

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- *Fischer d'Alton v Bathurst & Others*– Obtained summary judgment for two defendants (the personal service company of a former director of the claimant and the former director's mother). The claims brought included unlawful means conspiracy, dishonest assistance, knowing receipt, and transactions contrary to s423 of the Insolvency Act 1986.
- Represented the defendants to an application for permission to continue a derivative claim and for a costs indemnity. Permission was granted but limited to disclosure only; the costs indemnity application was refused.

Commercial Litigation

Recent Cases

- Acted for a claimant in a claim for payment pursuant to tail provisions in a contract for financial
- *NOCN v CITB* – Acted for the defendant in a multimillion-pound claim alleging misrepresentation and breach of
- *Toner v Telford Homes* – Acting for the first and second defendants in a claim alleging fraudulent misrepresentation, breach of contract, and harassment. An application for summary judgment / strike out successfully ended a number of other heads of claim ([2021] EWHC 516 (QB)). Provided expert evidence in proceedings in Singapore in relation to the validity of various powers of attorney in English law.
- *Capreon (UK) Ltd v Winnersh Holdings LP* [2018] – Acted for an asset management company in the Noé Group in Commercial Court claims for £12 million from the vendor of the Winnersh Triangle business park for breaches of its obligations of good faith, of reasonable endeavours in assisting the claimant's due diligence, and of exclusivity relating to the claimant's intended acquisition of the business park.
- *Oakfield (Foods) Limited v Nogueira Rivelli Irmaos Ltda* – Successfully challenged the jurisdiction of the English courts to hear a claim for breach of contract brought by an English claimant against a Brazilian defendant.
- Defended a major port at the trial of claims in bailment, negligence and breach of contract.

Property

Amy regularly advises on and appears in relation to matters such as restrictive covenants, easements, applications to alter or rectify the Register, boundary disputes, and possession actions.

Recent Cases

- *B5 v Vural* [2026] UKFTT 12 (PC) – Acted for the applicant in an application to the Land Registry for cancellation of a unilateral notice, on the basis of implied terms in an option agreement. The FTT found that the terms should be implied, but that the applicant had not used all reasonable endeavours as
- *Shearn v McKeown* [2024] (Unreported. Winchester County Court) – Successfully defended a claim in trespass and obtained a declaration as to the true position of the common boundary between the parties' property, on the basis of an oral boundary agreement and estoppel. The claimant was ordered to pay the defendants' costs partially on the indemnity basis.
- *Dyer v Webb* [2023] EWHC 1917 (KB), [2023] EWHC 2651 (KB) – Successfully defended a pre-action injunction application seeking to prohibit the respondents from, amongst other things, objecting to the applicants' planning applications. The respondents were awarded their costs on the indemnity basis and the application was recorded as being totally without

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- *Radwan v Radwan* – Acting for the claimant in his claim asserting beneficial ownership of a multi-million pound London property against his mother and sister, the legal owners. The claim is part of a larger dispute amongst the family regarding inherited wealth, which has linked proceedings in Saudi Arabia, Dubai, and St Vincent and the Grenadines.
- *Kendall v Norton* (Unreported, July 2022) – Represented the defendants in a hotly contested boundary The judgment is an interesting example of how the court may find a boundary which neither side has argued for, as well as the relevance of hedging covenants.
- *Poundland v Toplain Limited* (Unreported, April 2021) – Acted for a 1954 Act tenant seeking to change certain terms in the renewal lease, including introducing so-called 'Covid clauses'.
- *HT Investment 10 v Stone & Ors* (QBD) – Represented 7 defendants to an interim injunction obtained by a property investor which prohibited most of the residents of a small village from posting notices or communicating with potential purchasers of adjoining land, with underlying claims in unlawful means conspiracy and conspiracy to injure. After the start of submissions at the return date hearing, the claimant agreed to discontinue all claims and to pay the defendants' costs on the indemnity
- *Drummond v Bastow* [2018] UKUT 8 (LC) – Obtained substantial monetary compensation for the objectors to an application for modification of a restrictive covenant, in the context of a scheme of development.

Partnership

Amy is a specialist contributor to The Law of Limited Liability Partnerships (4th and 5th editions).

Recent Cases

- Advised a wife in matrimonial proceedings as to the nature and effect of a family partnership in which the husband asserted she was a partner.
- *Re Mindspace* – Represented an insolvent limited partnership and connected entities throughout a complex winding-up
- Acted for an executor and beneficiary under a will who had been in partnership with the testator, in a case involving interesting questions about the use of Land Capital Accounts within partnerships.
- *Singh v Singh* – Obtained a substantial interim payment and an account and enquiry on behalf of a partner who had been denied the benefits of the partnership's assets.

Professional Negligence

Amy regularly advises on and acts in professional negligence cases, most frequently against legal professionals and often in the context of property transactions. Such disputes are often resolved by alternative dispute resolution and Amy is experienced in negotiating appropriate settlement terms.

Recent Cases

- *Jomast Property & Finance Limited v Muckle LLP* – Acted for a defendant solicitors' firm in a claim alleging that the drafting of a contract resulted in losses of over £100 million (led by Philip Jones KC).
- Acted for a claimant shareholder in a claim against solicitors who had represented a former shareholder at the trial of a unfair prejudice petition, and whose fees had been paid using company funds contrary to the 'legal costs principle'.

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- Advised on potential claims against solicitors and accountants where significant tax liabilities arising from a historic Employee Benefit Trust were discovered following the acquisition of a company.
- Advised a Bahamian developer as to possible negligence and breach of contract, where a lender relied on an incorrect valuation and failed correctly to ascertain the sums necessary to complete the development.

Probate

Amy is ranked as a leading junior in Private Client – Trusts and Probate by Legal 500. She acts regularly in probate and administration matters and claims under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) Act 1975. Her expertise in property and company law allows her to provide a comprehensive service service in the many cases where these areas overlap.

Recent Cases

- *Scott v the Estate of Scott* [2025] EWHC 2796 (Ch), [2025] EWHC 3502 (Ch) – Acted for the claimant (one of the deceased's 19 children), who asserted ownership of the family farm under the doctrine of proprietary estoppel and sought to invalidate the deceased's wills on the grounds of lack of capacity. Amy was responsible for the closing arguments (written and oral) on the claimant's successful assertion that certain tenancies granted to him by the deceased were not shams.
- *Klein v Adler (Re Klein); Adler v Cripps Trust Corporation Ltd* [2025] EWHC 688 (Fam) – Acted for the professional executor in a complex series of linked cases, whereby the widow of the deceased claimed provision from the Estate under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) Act 1975, and the deceased's former business partner asserted ownership of various companies within the Estate. Represented beneficiaries of the charitable will trust at the trial of the 1975 Act claim.
- *Solomon v Solomon* – Obtained order setting aside a deed of variation of a will on the basis of equitable
- *Amnir v Bala* – Acted for a disabled adult child of the deceased who lacks capacity in procedurally complex litigation involving multiple Inheritance Act Claims.
- *County Air Ambulance v Pearman* – Acted for a charity which successfully obtained an order pronouncing against the validity of an alleged will and revoking the grant of probate on the basis of forgery (led by Richard Wilson KC). The Defendant conceded the Claimant's summary judgment application following the purported attesting witnesses pleading guilty to
- *Schumacher v Clarke* [2019] EWHC 1031 (Ch) – Acted for one of the executors of the estate of Dame Zaha Hadid in his claim for replacement of his co-executors (led by Richard Wilson KC).
- Provided expert determination on expenses incurred by an attorney / beneficiary prior to the testator's death, which the executors sought to deduct from his share of the estate.

Civil Fraud

Recent Cases

- *Isbilen v Hanson Asset Management* – Acting for a financial services provider alleged to have breached its *Quincecare* duties and to have dishonestly assisted breaches of fiduciary duty of Mr Selman Turk, who is said dishonestly to have misapplied more than £40m from Mrs İşbilen and is the subject of multi-jurisdictional fraud claims (led by Matthew Morrison KC).

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- Acted for the litigation friend of an elderly woman in a claim against her daughter seeking recovery of monies misappropriated during the daughter's time as her attorney, alternatively on the grounds that the monies were paid out as a result of undue influence.
- *Fischer d'Alton v Bathurst & Others* – Obtained summary judgment for two defendants (the personal service company of a former director of the claimant and the former director's mother). The claims brought included unlawful means conspiracy, dishonest assistance, knowing receipt, and transactions contrary to s423 of the Insolvency Act 1986. Ddefendants' costs on the indemnity basis.
- *Glenn v Watson* [2018] EWHC 2016 (Ch) – Acted at the pre-trial stage for the successful Claimant in his claims to rescind loan agreements of over £100m on grounds of fraudulent misrepresentation and for secret profits made in breach of fiduciary duty (led by Elizabeth Jones KC). Most recently, instructed in respect of related proceedings in the USA and the
- *Republic of Djibouti v Boreh* [2016] EWHC 405 (Comm) – Acted for the Claimant in a claim alleging fraud in respect of a port development in Djibouti (led by Lord Falconer and Philip Brook Smith KC).
- Acted for the Claimant in a claim alleging deceit and transactions defrauding creditors and seeking to trace the Claimant's funds into property held by the Defendants, in the context of a purported investment scheme.
- Obtained Norwich Pharmacal orders against two defendant banks, in order to secure details of accounts believed to be linked to a 'boiler room' fraud.
- Advised a company which had suffered losses due to online banking fraud on the prospects of a claim against its bank, with particular reference to the Payment Services Regulations 2009.

International

Recent Cases

- *Município de Mariana & Ors v BHP Group Plc & Ors* – Acted for the claimants in their mass tort claim regarding to the 2015 Fundão dam disaster.
- *Oakfield (Foods) Limited v Nogueira Rivelli Irmaos Ltda* – Successfully challenged the jurisdiction of the English courts to hear a claim for breach of contract brought by an English claimant against a Brazilian defendant.

Court of Protection

Recent Cases

- Successfully obtained an order under s36(9) of the Trustee Act 1925 that a substitute trustee be appointed to replace the applicant's brother, who she considered to have lost capacity but who refused to be assessed.
- Various successful applications to the Court of Protection for statutory
- Successful application to the Court of Protection for approval of gifts made by an

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Testimonials

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Chambers High Net Worth 2026

"Amy is amazing at absorbing a lot of information in one go and recognising where the focus needs to be on an issue. She is very thorough, has an intricate knowledge of the law, and is also very approachable."

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"Amy is incredibly fast and responsive. She can quickly assimilate a lot of information and cut through to the real issues."

Legal 500 2025

"Amy's main strengths are clarity of thought which translates into very clear and persuasive drafting, and speed of turnaround."

Legal 500 2024

"Intelligent and commercially astute, she is very good at papers, an excellent advocate and approachable with lay clients and those

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Client

Recommendations

- Private Wealth & Probate (Legal 500)
- Chancery: Traditional (Chambers & Partners)

Publications

- A Long Lease Breach? Be Specific! – New Law Journal – 16 September 2020
- Court of Appeal Judgment in *Kingsley v Kingsley* [2020] EWCA Civ 297 (Ch)
- Subscribe on the Dotted Line – New Law Journal – 20 July 2018
- *Land registration: the meaning of mistake* – New Law Journal – 1 April 2018
- *The meaning of 'mistake': the inevitable lot of mankind?* – New Law Journal – 30 March 2018
- *The mirror crack'd from side to side: overriding interests, overreaching, and the 'registration gap'* – New Law Journal – 26 May 2017
- *Above the Local Law: Dispensing Powers in Schemes of Development* – New Law Journal – 8 July 2016
- *Dispensing modern justice* – Commercial Dispute Resolution – 22 April 2016
- *Pop-up Courts: 'Hearings in pubs' story was a storm in a pint glass* – Solicitors Journal – 29 March 2016
- Specialist contributor to *The Law of Limited Liability Partnerships* (4th edition) by John Whittaker and John Machell QC – 27 January 2016
- *Driven to the Edge* – New Law Journal – 25 September 2015

Memberships

- Chancery Bar Association
- Property Bar Association
- Young Fraud Lawyers Association
- Liberty

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Education, Qualifications and Awards

- Wolfson Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn
- Hardwicke Award, Lincoln's Inn
- Pearson Publication Prize for best overall result in LLB, Birkbeck
- Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships during doctoral work, US Department of Education
- Winner, Atkin's Court Forms Moot [judged by Lord Neuberger] (2012)
- Accelerated LLB (First), Birkbeck, University of London
- BPTC (Very Competent), City University
- Doctoral work in History & Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University
- MA Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University
- MA Islamic Art and Archaeology (Merit), School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London
- BA Sociology (cum laude), Harvard University

In the Press

- Mentioned in Daily Mail article: 'GP and three village pensioners accused of harassing multi-millionaire neighbours are sued for £1.3M', May 2023
- '*A long lease breach? Be specific!*' article for New Law Journal, 25 September 2020
- 'Farming inheritance battle urges farmers to ensure will preparation' article for Farmers Guardian, 22 May 2020

BSB Registration

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