



## Emma Rowland

Call: 2024

### Practice areas:

**Environment, Planning, Public Law, Highways, Commons and Open Spaces, Compulsory Purchase and Compensation, Rating**



## Practice Profile

Emma is a second six pupil who is now accepting instructions across all of Chambers' core practice areas.

From October 2024 to January 2025 she was supervised by Ned Westaway. She is currently being supervised by Cain Ormondroyd.

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## Environment

Emma has a keen interest in environmental law, having assisted on a number of cases in this area under the supervision of Ned Westaway. Emma's experience includes:

- International arbitration which raised international environmental law and domestic environmental law issues.
- A statutory challenge to a Minerals and Waste Plan.
- A challenge to the Government's energy efficiency policy for new homes.
- Research on international human rights law and climate change.

Emma has knowledge of environmental law from her studies on the BCL, Oxford and would like to develop her practice in this area.

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## Planning

Emma has gained experience in a range of planning matters and has assisted in planning inquiries,

hearings, judicial reviews and statutory reviews whilst under the supervision of Ned Westaway and Cain Ormondroyd. In particular,

- A challenge to a local minerals and waste plans.
  - A planning inquiry for 150 homes which raised heritage and landscape issues.
  - A planning hearing which raised heritage, design and transport issues.
  - Drafting an advice on amending a charging schedule in relation to the community infrastructure levy.
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## **Public Law**

Emma has assisted in a number of judicial and statutory reviews in a range of contexts, including:

- A statutory challenge to a Minerals and Waste Plan.
  - A challenge to the Government's energy efficient policy for new homes.
  - A challenge to the Government's XL bully ban.
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## **Highways, Commons and Open Spaces**

Emma gained experience in highways law, commons and open space under the supervision of Ned Westaway. Emma assisted on:

- A case concerning amendments to the definitive map following copying errors in the map.
  - Advice relating to the creation of new highways under Highways Act 1980.
  - Advice relating to pedestrianisation.
  - Obligations in relation to the Dartmoor commons.
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## **Compulsory Purchase and Compensation**

Emma has gained experience of compulsory purchase under the supervision of Cain Ormondroyd. In particular, she assisted in the drafting of closing submissions for a significant compensation claim.

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## **Rating**

Under the supervision of Cain Ormondroyd, Emma has gained experience of rating law. Most recently in relation to the correct approach of calculating the rateable value of anaerobic digestors.

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## Academic Qualifications

- BA Jurisprudence (Oxford)
  - BCL (Oxford)
  - MPhil in Law (Oxford)
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## Scholarships and Awards

- Lord Denning Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn
  - Fountain Court Scholarship
  - Toeg Scholarship (Exeter College, Oxford)
  - Tobias Law Prize (Exeter College, Oxford)
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## Professional Memberships

- ALBA
  - UKELA
  - PEBA
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## Other relevant experience

Prior to commencing pupillage, Emma completed an MPhil degree at the University of Oxford under the supervision of Dr Joanna Bell. Her research focused on public participation in large scale regeneration projects. She also completed the BCL and holds a BA Jurisprudence, both from the University of Oxford.

Whilst at Oxford, Emma was involved a number of different legal research projects. In the summer of 2022, she co-authored a report on international human rights obligations when drafting domestic bills of rights bills for the Bonavero Institute of Human Rights, Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law and Strathclyde University. She also led a research project for Oxford Pro Bono Publico into prosecutorial assistance in death penalty cases.

Emma also has experience in human rights law having spent 5 months as a judicial assistant at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg. She maintains a keen interest in the intersection between environmental problems and human rights. Her most recent blog on a case raising this issues can found .

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