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Practice Profile



Year of call 2008

- **Public Law** - welfare, discrimination, local government, community care, housing
- **Planning and Environmental Law**
- **Education Law**
- **Rating**

Sarah has a wide-ranging public law practice which spans Chambers' core areas. Sarah's work encompasses planning, environmental, education, local government, social welfare and discrimination law.

Sarah's experience covers the appellate courts at all levels including the Supreme Court as well as planning inquiries. She specialises in High Court work acting for claimants and public bodies alike. Notable clients include Natural England, Friends of the Earth and Shelter.

As a member of the Attorney General's C Panel Sarah is regularly instructed by the Government. She is committed to publicly funded work and in appropriate cases acts pro bono.

Sarah has been recognised by Chambers and Partners as a leading practitioner in Planning Law and as one of the leading juniors in planning law under the age of 35 by Planning Magazine. The 2017 edition of Chambers & Partners (2017) described Sarah as:

'a rising junior' in the Planning Law. She is described as having "a very thorough strategic grasp and a light touch" and "she's very good with clients"

Sarah holds an LLM from Harvard University with a specialism in public and urban planning. She is a visiting lecturer at the London School of Economics Cities Programme where she has taught a graduate seminar on 'Law and the City' encompassing planning and human rights law for the past five years. She previously taught Public Law at Queen Mary and City universities and has published widely in academic and practitioner texts.

Recent highlights include:

R (oao Buckley) v Bath and North East Somerset District Council [2018] EWHC 1551 (Admin) - Successful Judicial Review of decision to redevelop social housing estate of 542 homes on grounds of failure to comply with the Public Sector Equality Duty.

R (oao Buckingham) v NHS Corby Clinical Commissioning Group [2018] EWHC 2080 - Represented successful claimant in JR of decision to downgrade Corby Urgent Care Centre. Succeeded on all grounds: failure to consult, breach of s.14Z2 NHS Act 2006 duty to involve and breach of the PSED.

Canterbury CC v SSCLG & Anor [2018] EWHC 1611 - s.288 appeal on interpretation of permissive planning policies. Represented Secretary of State.

Testimonials

"She's very flexible at adapting to an unfolding situation and firm in her own views as well. She is also very good at working in a team and taking a collegiate approach." "Very reassuring and approachable for clients." Chambers & Partners, 2020

"She stays calm when the pressure is on." Legal 500, 2000

"She's very good, she knows her stuff, is very good with clients and writes very well." Chambers & Partners, 2019

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Sarah has also recently been recommended in Education Law. She is described as "an

extremely thorough, confident and competent advocate. Sources predict a fine future for her", Chambers & Partners 2014.

Practice Areas and Significant Cases

Public Law
Planning and Environmental Law
Education Law
Rating

Education & Teaching

Education

- LLM, Harvard Law School, LLM (Distinction) (Frank Knox scholarship)
- Graduate Diploma in Law, City University (Distinction)
- BA in History, Queens' College, Cambridge, (First Class)

Teaching & Advocacy

- Sarah served as a school governor for 4 years in Camden.
- Sarah volunteers at Toynbee Hall Free Legal Advice Centre.
- Judicial clerkship at the Supreme Court of Israel, Jerusalem (Inner Temple Scholarship) (2008).
- Human Rights training at the British Council in Yangon, Burma (2013).

Memberships

- Education Law Association (ELAS)
- Administrative Law Bar Association (ALBA)
- Human Rights Law Association (HRLA)
- United Kingdom Environmental Law Association (UKELA)
- Planning and Environmental Bar Association (PEBA)

Sarah speaks fluent Spanish and stood for Parliament in 2015.

Publications

- Equalities law chapter in *Law Reform 2015*, ed. Stephen Hockman QC (Profile

Books, 2015)

- "Debating Democracy and the Ban on Political Advertising", *Modern Law Review*, 475-487 (May, 2009)
- "Waste Law" with Gregory Jones, *Environmental Law and Property Transactions*, Waite eds. Bloomsbury Professional, 4th ed, February 2016
- Contributor to *The Law of Regulatory Enforcement and Sanctions* (Norris and Phillips, OUP, 2011)
- Complying with the equality duty, *Solicitors Journal* (2011), 155(40), 19
- Apportioning the costs of settled judicial review cases, *Solicitors Journal* (2012), 156(28), 21
- "Planning Law Update", with Gregory Jones, *Solicitors Journal*, December 2008 and September 2009
- Assisted Lord Steyn in the preparation of the Boydell Lecture on "Defamation and Privacy" (26 May 2010)

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