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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**
- **Election Law**

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

Her experience covers the appellate courts at all levels including the Supreme Court. She also regularly appears at planning and enforcement inquiries. Sarah specialises in High Court/JR work acting for claimants and public bodies alike. Notable clients of hers include the Equalities and Human Rights Commission, Mayor of London, Friends of the Earth and Shelter.

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

Sarah is recognised in the major legal directories; in Legal 500 Sarah is ranked as a leading junior in Public, Planning and Local Government Law and in Chambers and Partners as a leading practitioner in Planning Law. Sarah is described as

?A highly talented public lawyer, she is very bright and has particular strength in dealing with complex tactical issues.?

Sarah holds an LLM from Harvard University. 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 also teaches at the UCL Bartlett School of Planning and has published widely in academic and practitioner texts.

Recent High Court highlights include:

Greene v Forbes [2019] - Parliamentary by-election petition in Peterborough.

Coughlan v Minister for Cabinet Office [2019] - JR of Voter ID pilots (Court of Appeal forthcoming)

R (oao Buckley) v Bath & NE Somerset DC [2018] EWHC 1551 (Admin) - Successful Judicial Review of decision to redevelop social housing estate on Public Sector Equality Duty grounds.

R (oao Buckingham) v NHS Corby Clinical Commissioning Group [2018] EWHC 2080 - Successful JR of closure Corby Urgent Care Centre.

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

Sarah is recommended in Chambers & Partners 2017 as a 'rising junior' in Planning Law.

She is described as having "a very thorough strategic grasp and a light touch" and "she's very good with clients".

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

Election Law

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

- School governor for 4 years in state primary in Camden.
- Stood for Parliament in target seat in 2015
- Volunteer 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)
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Publications

- "Community Led Regeneration - A Toolkit for Residents and Planners" UCL Press (2020)
- 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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