



## Alexandra Baumgart

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2015

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Alexandra Baumgart joined Chambers in September 2018 after successfully completing pupillage. During pupillage she gained experience across the spectrum of Chambers' core practice areas.

Originally from Sydney, Australia, Alexandra studied English Law with German Law at St Hilda's College, University of Oxford (2009-2013). Building on her Erasmus year at Ludwig-Maximilians-University, Munich, parallel Masters studies in German Law, and European and International Commercial Law, Alexandra developed her expertise in European Union, Commercial and Public Law (2013-2014). She was called to the Bar by Lincoln's Inn in 2015 (Hardwicke Entrance Scholar).

Prior to commencing pupillage, Alexandra worked as an ICC tribunal assistant on a long-standing construction and energy dispute, a trainee to Judge Vajda of the Court of Justice of the European Union in Luxembourg, and as an intern in the World Trade Organisation's Appellate Body.

She is also finishing a Public International Law PhD at Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich, examining judicial reasoning across international courts and tribunals including the ICJ, the World Trade Organisation's Appellate Body, ICSID investment arbitration tribunals and the European Court of Human Rights. She maintains an active academic role and has presented at conferences on trade, investment and human rights topics (ESIL 2017, King's College London 2017).

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## Commercial & Chancery

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Alexandra has a growing practice in commercial and chancery work. This includes regular court appearances (breach of contract, misrepresentation, debt claims) and advising on contractual matters. Since starting tenancy, she has assisted [Saaman Pourghadiri](#) with a cross-border contractual matter with jurisdictional and regulatory elements.

Alexandra has also acted in and assisted with EU law matters, spanning the Rome I and Brussels I regulations, flight compensation regulation and package travel regulations.

During pupillage, Alexandra assisted her supervisor [Claire van Overdijk](#) with a number of chancery matters engaging both the domestic and international jurisdiction of the courts. These included urgent contested probate hearings seeking grant of representation and challenging the validity of a will. Alexandra also provided assistance to a deputy on domicile and cross-border succession (English, Ghanaian, Kenyan and Polish law), the High Court's powers under its inherent jurisdiction and anonymity and privacy in High Court proceedings. She also assisted [Michael Uberoi](#) with a charities matter concerning the removal of a charity board member.

Alexandra has also spoken at Chambers private client events on proprietary estoppel and assisted [David E. Grant](#) with chancery matters under CLIPS scheme. In pupillage, she gained some company law experience and assists with City Law School's Company and Insolvency Law Pro Bono Scheme.

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## Pensions & Trusts

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In the course of her pupillage, Alexandra gained broad experience of pensions disputes. This included advising on issues surrounding the validity of pension trust deeds, amendments to pension schemes, construction, severance and rectification.

Specific examples include:

- Assisting [Andrew Spink QC](#) and [Saul Margo](#) in *Wedgwood Pension Plan Trustee Ltd v Salt* [2018] EWHC 79 (Ch); [2018] Pens LR 9, a week long Part 8 pensions trial
- Assisting [Nicolas Stallworthy QC](#) in advising on pension scheme liabilities in the context of the sale of a company

Since starting tenancy, Alexandra has acted as junior to [David E. Grant](#) in a rectification case addressing pensions benefit increases.

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## Public Law

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Under **Claire van Overdijk**'s tutelage, Alexandra has experienced a broad range of public law practice. This has included producing written advice, pleadings and position statements, as well as attending hearings in the Court of Protection, Administrative Court and Court of Appeal.

Some of the work Alexandra has seen includes Court of Protection proceedings (health and welfare, property and affairs and anonymity in both domestic and cross-border settings), judicial review permission and substantive hearings concerning the jurisdiction of the Legal Ombudsman and immigration detention.

Alexandra has also assisted with drafting particulars in an unlawful detention/false imprisonment/HRA claim (immigration and mental capacity contexts), and advising the Secretary of State for the Home Department on appeals to the Court of Appeal (deportation context).

In her own right, as part of the GLD's Junior Junior Scheme, Alexandra has provided advice and drafted statements for the Court of Appeal in relation to the English language fraud investigation whereby applicants' visas had been invalidated. She has also been instructed by the Home Office to provide advice in assessing appeal risk in family life/private life/human rights, asylum, protection decision, and EEA residence immigration applications.

Alexandra has also represented a local authority in Court of Protection proceedings dealing with capacity and best interests issues in relation to residence, property and affairs.

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## Employment & Discrimination

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Alexandra has gained broad experience in employment law matters, under the tutelage of her pupil supervisor [Saul Margo](#), as a junior to [David E. Grant](#), and in her own right. Her work has covered written advice and pleadings to trial and appellate advocacy. In terms of subject matter, she has covered employee status, whistleblowing, discrimination, dismissals, redundancies, equal pay, wage claims and other procedural matters such as the role of expert evidence and the impact of UNISON on limitation. She also has experience of employment matters brought in the ordinary courts. In doing so, Alexandra has acted for both claimants and respondents.

Recent cases include:

- *Muhmud v London Borough of Tower Hamlets*, a four-day unfair dismissal trial
- *Lema v DHL*, a successful appeal concerning the ET's failure to consider relevant medical evidence in a wages and discrimination claim
- *Roberts v Phillips*, acting as junior to [David E. Grant](#) in successfully resisting an appeal on employee status
- Assisting [David E. Grant](#) in *Calland v Berryman Lacey LLP* in a Rule 3(10) hearing on the impact of the Supreme Court's decision in UNISON on limitation and the "reasonable affordability" of ET claims
- *Mathurin v London Underground Ltd*, successfully defending a county court wages claim against London Underground

Alexandra has also undertaken employment law work for GLD as a Junior Junior.

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## Clinical Negligence & Personal Injury

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With [Ben Bradley](#), Alexandra experienced a range of clinical negligence and catastrophic personal injury cases including non-freezing cold injury. As well as assisting with a high court clinical negligence trial (*Pearsall v University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust*), Alexandra assisted with numerous client conferences, drafted advices and pleadings, as well as agendas for testing expert medical evidence.

In her second six, Alexandra has had the opportunity to work with and learn from [Harry Trusted](#), [Nathan Tavares QC](#) and [Sarah Crowther QC](#). She has attended CCMCs, conducted a fast track PI trial, produced written work including a Schedule of Loss and provided real-time German translation support in a joint settlement meeting in a PI travel case. Alexandra spoke on defences under the Animals Act at a Chambers “Equine Law” event, addressing solicitors and insurers.

Alexandra has also represented individuals, hospitals and families (privately and through AvMA) at health and safety and clinical negligence inquests.

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## Financial Services

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Alexandra has a growing financial services practice. Recent experience includes advising on PPI matters following the Supreme Court's decision in Plevin.

Through **Tim Aron**, she has gained exposure to financial services work, including the operation of DIFC collective investment funds.

Within the scope of Chambers' recent seminar, "The Anatomy of a Financial Services Investigation", Alexandra co-authored a paper focusing on issues attaching to individuals in financial services investigations, touching on legal representation, conflicts with company interests, investigations and third party rights.

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## Awards

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- Lincoln's Inn Scholarship, Traineeship at the CJEU (2016)
- Semi-Finalist, Inter-Inn Moot, Lincoln's Inn (2015)
- Hardwicke Entrance Award, Lincoln's Inn (2014)
- Beck Publishers' Award, Ludwig-Maximilians-University (2014)
- Semi-Finalist, International Roman Law Moot (2012)

Other achievements include:

- Top 25 Winner, startsocial competition, representing NGO "Digital Helpers", with personal congratulations from German Chancellor Angela Merkel (2017)
- Winner, Google Impact Challenge Germany (10,000EUR), representing Digital Helpers (2016)
- Full Blues and Half Blues, Oxford University Women's Basketball (2009-2013)
- AMusA Diploma for Cello Performance (2007)

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## Languages

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- German (fluent)
- French (intermediate)
- Mandarin (basic)

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