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YEAR OF CALL: ENGLAND AND WALES: 2013; NEW YORK: 2013 (CURRENTLY NON-PRACTISING); IRELAND: 2018

"An absolute superstar."

Chambers and Partners, 2026

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Practice Overview

Jennifer MacLeod is a leading junior barrister. She is particularly sought after for her experience in complex, challenging and high-profile litigation, domestically and internationally.

She has particularly widely regarded expertise in human rights, public law, and competition law, often appearing in a leading role in the High Court and appellate courts, but maintains a varied practice. She has recently appeared in matters as diverse as the challenge to the Rwanda-UK Migration partnership (R (AAA) v Secretary of State, Div Court, CA, UKSC), international actions alleging torture for the abuse of women (Coppin v Ireland, UNCAT), the first class action for an abuse of dominance (Le Patourel v BT, CAT), and defending actions for restitution of mistakes of law in the Supreme Court (FII v HMRC, UKSC, High Court, CA).

She attracts significant praise in the directories across a range of practice areas, and is regularly nominated for awards for her work. In 2024 she was awarded Public Law and Human Rights Junior of the Year (C&P) and was shortlisted for Competition Law Junior of the Year (L500), and in 2026 she was (jointly) shortlisted for Advocate of the Year (Women and Diversity in Law Awards). Recent directories have commended in particular:

- Legal and strategic expertise: She is said to be a "***master of the law***", "***fantastic strategist***", "***forensic powerhouse and extremely tactically sharp***" and an "***outstanding and decisive junior***". She is "***an incredibly clever strategic thinker who will see angles that others miss.***"
- Oral advocacy: Jennifer "***generates respect from lay and professional clients, her colleagues and the Court.***" She is recommended for her "***superlative***", "***stellar***", "***fierce***" and "***exceptional***" oral advocacy, which is said to be "***second to none.***" She is said to "***perform like a silk***", be a "***tenacious cross-examiner***" and is "***right at the top and an obvious silk in the making***".
- Intelligence: Jennifer is described as "***fiercely bright***", "***phenomenally clever***", "***highly intelligent***", and "***phenomenally quick***". Her emotional intelligence is also often commented

upon: she has "***great warmth and empathy with her clients***".

- Team skills: "***it is a game-changer having her on your team***"; she is "***a great team player***" "***one of those rare barristers who can really change the fortunes of a case***"; "***the kind of barrister that solicitors dream of working with***".
- Work ethic: Jennifer is an "***extremely dedicated counsel***" with an "***indefatigable work ethic***" and "***tremendous energy and drive***".

Jennifer has been appointed to the Attorney General's A Panel of Counsel, the Equality and Human Rights Commission's A Panel of Counsel, and is one of the CMA's Standing Counsel. She was called to the Bar in Ireland in 2018 and is a member of the Law Library.

She was a founding board member of Lawyers against Abuse and was a longstanding board member of JUSTICE, before becoming a member of its Council. She has a longstanding commitment to pro bono and diversity initiatives (winning, amongst other things, the Young Pro Bono Barrister of the Year award in 2019, again (jointly) in 2020, and the Junior Pro Bono Barrister of the Year (jointly) in 2024, and being shortlisted for the DEI Future Leader (L500) in 2024).

Public and Administrative Law

Jennifer is at the forefront of public law litigation in England and Wales.

As well as regularly acting for individual claimants and NGOs, she is a member of the Attorney General's A Panel of Counsel and the Equality and Human Rights Commission's A Panel of Counsel and is noted in the directories as being " *sought after by both government bodies and private companies in a range of public law challenges* " (C&P, 2024). She is equally at home leading and supporting a team.

She was awarded Public Law and Human Rights Junior of the Year in 2024.

Selected notable instructions include:

Commercial and regulatory JR

- *R (Palantir) v Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime* (High Court) junior counsel for the Mayor of London in relation to Palantir's challenge to the Deputy Mayor's refusal to approve a public contract between the Metropolitan Police and Palantir.
- *R (AstraZeneca) v Secretary of State for Health and Social Care* (High Court) leading counsel for the MHRA responding to a judicial review relating to the grant of a marketing authorisation for the treatment of lung cancer
- *R (L1T FM Holding UK Limited) v Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy* sole counsel for interested party in expedited judicial review relating to the forced divestment of a company under the National Security and Investment Act 2021 (unled).

- *R (Japan Tobacco International and others) v Secretary of State for Health* (High Court, Court of Appeal) junior counsel representing the manufacturers of tobacco products in a challenge to the UK's plain packaging regulations (led by David Anderson KC).
- *R (LetterOne Holdings SA and others v Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change*) (High Court) a judicial review of the issuance of a Notice requiring a change of control of petroleum production licenses due to concerns regarding the sanctions regime (led by Mark Howard KC, Martin Chamberlain KC and Sarah Ford).
- *R (ICAEW) v Lord Chancellor* (Div Court) successful defence of a judicial review in relation to the Lord Chancellor's decision to refuse to authorise the ICAEW as an approved regulator for legal services (led by Victoria Wakefield).
- *R (Rana and others) v Secretary of State for Defence* successful claim on behalf of Gurkha pensioners seeking reconsideration of changes to pension schemes for certain classes of pensioners (led by Martin Chamberlain KC / unled for later parts of claim).

Human rights and constitutional challenges

- *R (KAG, EXR, HRE, GIP and others) v SSHD)* (High Court) junior counsel for several victims of trafficking seeking to challenge their removal under the UK-France Treaty.
- *R (AAA and others) v SSHD* (Div Court, Court of Appeal, Supreme Court) junior counsel for UNHCR in relation to the linked challenges to the legality of the government's policy to remove certain asylum seekers to Rwanda.
- *R (JCWI) v President of the Upper Tribunal* (High Court) junior counsel in a judicial review of the change in procedure in the Upper Tribunal to hold hearings on paper "by default" during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- *R (EA and others) v Chairman of the Manchester Arena Inquiry* (Div Court, Court of Appeal, ECtHR) junior counsel in a judicial review of the Chairman's decision to refuse to allow survivors of the Manchester Arena attack 'core participant' status.
- *R (Phil Newby) v Ministry of Justice; R (Omid T) v Ministry of Justice* (Div Court) junior counsel for various claimants challenging the legality of the prohibition on assisted dying for those with serious medical conditions who are unable to end their own lives (led by Paul Bowen KC).
- *RR v SSWP* (Supreme Court) a successful intervention on behalf of Liberty, CPAG and PLP on the extent to which statutory authorities are required to disapply secondary legislation in breach of Convention rights (led by Martin Chamberlain KC).
- *R (Mirga) v Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, Samin v Westminster City Council* (Supreme Court) represented the AIRE Centre, interveners in two claims which considered the extent of EU citizenship and the 'right to reside' (led by Marie Demetriou KC).

Criminal justice cases

- *R (CYS) v Serious Fraud Office* (High Court) junior counsel acting for individuals who were affected by fraud relating to mines in the Democratic Republic of Congo, seeking to be classified as 'victims' under the VRR Scheme
- *CMA v Others* (CAT) sole counsel for the CMA in a without notice application for four warrants relating to suspected unlawful conduct in the computer aided design market.
- *R (EVAW) v DPP* (Div Court, Court of Appeal) junior counsel acting for the End Violence against Women Coalition in a challenge to the CPS's change of approach to prosecuting rape.
- *A v UK* (CEDAW Committee) leading claim on behalf of an individual alleging that the UK has failed to comply with the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Violence against Women in respect of its treatment of victims of gender-based violence.
- Extensive experience advising on and issuing challenges to NFA/prosecution decisions, including numerous cases which have led to the decision being retaken.

Data protection

- *RTM v Bonne Terre* (Court of Appeal) junior counsel for the claimant in a claim for breach of data protection rules in the sphere of gambling and consent to marketing materials.
- *R (Defend Digital Me) v Secretary of State for Education* (High Court) acting for Defend Digital Me in a judicial review of the retention of data relating to school attendance (unled).
- *O'Caroll v Meta* (High Court) junior counsel for the claimant in a high profile challenge on the "right to object" to facebook's advertising.
- *R (openDemocracy) v Secretary of State for Health and NHS England* (High Court) junior counsel in linked claims by openDemocracy in respect of the disclosure of contracts and the provision of data protection impact assessments relating to the Covid-19 datastore (led by Victoria Wakefield KC).

Immigration and related fields

- *R (KAG, EXR, HRE, GIP and others) v SSHD)* (High Court) junior counsel for several victims of trafficking seeking to challenge their removal under the UK-France Treaty.
- *R (AAA and others) v SSHD* (Div Court, Court of Appeal, Supreme Court) junior counsel for UNHCR in relation to the linked challenges to the legality of the government's policy to remove certain asylum seekers to Rwanda.
- *WS v Bulgaria* (CJEU) junior counsel for UNHCR, addressing the eligibility of women victims of violence for refugee or other protected status (led by Marie Demetriou KC)

- *R (JCWI) v President of the Upper Tribunal* (High Court) junior counsel in a judicial review of the change in procedure in the Upper Tribunal to hold hearings on paper "by default" during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- *R (Mirga) v Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, Samin v Westminster City Council* (Supreme Court) represented the AIRE Centre, interveners in two claims which considered the extent of EU citizenship and the 'right to reside' (led by Marie Demetriou KC).

Inquiries and inquests

- *Condon v HM Coroner for the Area of Avon* (Div Court) and *Inquest into the death of Ben Condon* (Bristol Coroner's Court) successful application for the quashing of an inquest and the order of a new inquest into the death of an infant following a change of position in an NHS Trust (unled), followed by a three week inquest as leading counsel into that death.
- *Inquest into the death of Michelle Sparman* (West London Coroner's Court), leading counsel into the death of Michelle Sparman, leading to a finding of neglect and raising the issue of domestic violence pre-suicide.
- *R (EA and others) v Chairman of the Manchester Arena Inquiry* (Div Court, Court of Appeal, ECtHR) junior counsel in a judicial review of the Chairman's decision to refuse to allow survivors of the Manchester Arena attack 'core participant' status.
- *Inquest into the death of Jake and Chloe Ford* (North East Kent Coroner's Court), leading a high-profile inquest into the death of young twins killed by their mother, on behalf of their father.
- *Inquest into the death of Harry Richford* (North East Kent Coroner's Court), leading a high-profile three week Article 2 inquest into the death of a baby in hospital, on behalf of the family.
- *Post Office Horizon IT Inquiry* junior counsel for the Post Office in Sir Wyn William's Inquiry into a range of issues arising out of the use of the Horizon IT system.

Pharmaceuticals

- *R (AstraZeneca) v Secretary of State for Health and Social Care* (High Court) leading counsel for the MHRA responding to a judicial review relating to the grant of a marketing authorisation
- *Hg, Cinven and Advanz Pharma v CMA* (CAT, Court of Appeal) Junior counsel for the CMA successfully defending its decision fining a range of pharmaceutical companies for excessive pricing in relation to liothyronine tablets.
- *Flynn and Pfizer v CMA* (CAT, Court of Appeal, CAT, Court of Appeal) Junior counsel for the CMA in the first and second appeal by pharmaceutical companies against the fine imposed for excessive pricing on anti-epileptic drugs.

Education

- *Trustees of Darul Uloom School v Secretary of State for Education* (Westminster Magistrates Court) sole counsel acting for the Secretary of State in relation to an application by Trustees to be released from an order made under s120 of the Education and Skills Act 2008.
- *Trustees of XX School v Secretary of State for Education* (Westminster Magistrates Court) sole counsel acting for the Secretary of State in an application pursuant to s120 of the Education and Skills Act 2008.

National security

- *R (L1T FM Holding UK Limited) v Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy* sole counsel for interested party in expedited judicial review relating to the forced divestment of a company under the National Security and Investment Act 2021 (unled).
- Jennifer has developed vetting clearance.

Tax

- *Franked Investments Group Litigation* (Supreme Court, High Court, Court of Appeal) junior counsel for HMRC in two Supreme Court cases, and then the remitted trial and Court of Appeal hearings relating to long running litigation regarding the claiming back of tax unlawfully levied, in particular addressing issues of limitation for mistakes of law, and EU defences to restitution and compound interest.

EU law

- *ClientEarth v Commission* (General Court) acting for ClientEarth and other NGOs in a challenge to the European Commission's designation of fossil gas as sustainable under the EU taxonomy (unled, with Hugo Leith).
- *R (Mirga) v Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, Samin v Westminster City Council* (Supreme Court) represented the AIRE Centre, interveners in two claims which considered the extent of EU citizenship and the 'right to reside' (led by Marie Demetriou KC).
- *WS v Bulgaria* (CJEU) junior counsel for UNHCR, addressing the eligibility of women victims of violence for refugee or other protected status (led by Marie Demetriou KC)
- *Govia Thameslink Railway Ltd v ASLEF* (High Court, Court of Appeal), junior counsel for the owner of the Southern Rail franchise in a high-profile attempt to injunct a trade union on the basis of free movement rights (settled prior to determination of Supreme Court application).
- *Bank Mellat v Council and others* (CJEU) representing Bank Mellat in its appeal to the CJEU in relation to the imposition of general sanctions (led in a team including Richard Blakeley).
- *R (Philip Morris Brands SARL and others) v Secretary of State for Health* (CJEU) representing

JTI, interested parties in the challenge to the Second Tobacco Products Directive (led by James Flynn KC).

Civil Liberties and Human Rights

Jennifer has been recognised for some time as a "*star of her generation*" and a "*leading light*" in civil liberties and human rights (see Legal 500, 2021).

She regularly appears at all levels of courts in the UK as well as the ECtHR, CJEU and UN treaty bodies. She was awarded Public Law and Human Rights Junior of the Year in 2024.

Jennifer acts for a wide range of clients. Having worked for NGOs and UN bodies prior to coming to the Bar, she continues to undertake significant work for NGOs and individual claimants. She is also noted in the directories as being " *sought after by both government bodies and private companies*" (C&P, 2024). She has been appointed to each of the Attorney General and the Equality and Human Rights' Commission's A Panel of Counsel. Some selected notable instructions include:

Domestic JR

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- *R (AAA and others) v SSHD* (Div Court, Court of Appeal, Supreme Court, High Court), junior counsel for UNHCR in relation to the linked challenges to the legality of the government's policy to remove certain asylum seekers to Rwanda.
- *R (EA and others) v Chairman of the Manchester Arena Inquiry* (Div Court, Court of Appeal, ECtHR) junior counsel in a judicial review of the Chairman of the Inquiry's refusal to grant core participant status to survivors of the Manchester Arena attack.
- *EVAW v DPP* (Div Court, Court of Appeal) junior counsel for the End Violence against Women Coalition in a challenge to the CPS's change of approach to prosecuting rape.
- *R (JCWI) v President of the Upper Tribunal* (High Court) junior counsel in a successful judicial review of the change in procedure in the Upper Tribunal to hold hearings on paper "by default" during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- *R (RR) v SSWP* (Supreme Court) successful intervention on behalf of Liberty, CPAG and PLP on the extent to which statutory authorities are required to disapply secondary legislation in breach of Convention rights (led by Martin Chamberlain KC).
- *R (Phil Newby) v Ministry of Justice; R (Omid T) v Ministry of Justice* (Div Court; Court of Appeal) junior counsel for various claimants in challenges to the legality of the prohibition on assisted dying for those with serious medical conditions who are unable to end their own lives

(led by Paul Bowen KC).

- *R (Mirga) v Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, Samin v Westminster City Council* (Supreme Court) representing the AIRE Centre, interveners in two claims which considered the extent of EU citizenship and the 'right to reside' (led by Marie Demetriou KC).

Domestic HRA actions

- *AZY and ors v DPP and ors* (High Court) junior counsel in a Human Rights Act damages claim for victims of grooming gangs in Rochdale regarding their treatment by the police and the CPS.
- Numerous other HRA claims for individual victims (particularly of sexual violence).

Inquests

- *Inquest into the death of Ben Condon* (Bristol and Avon Coroner's Court) leading counsel in a three week inquest into the death of a baby in hospital on behalf of the family.
- *Inquest into the death of Michelle Sparman* (West London Coroner's Court), leading counsel into the death of Michelle Sparman, leading to a finding of neglect and raising the issue of domestic violence pre-suicide.
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- *R (EA and others) v Chairman of the Manchester Arena Inquiry* (Div Court, Court of Appeal, ECtHR) junior counsel in a judicial review of the Chairman of the Inquiry's refusal to grant core participant status to survivors of the Manchester Arena attack.

Data protection:

- *RTM v Bonne Terre* (Court of Appeal) junior counsel for the claimant in a claim for breach of data protection rules in the sphere of gambling and consent to marketing materials.
- *O'Caroll v Meta* (High Court) junior counsel for the claimant in a challenge based on the "right to object" to facebook's advertising (settled March 2025).

Commercial and A1P1 claims

- *R (L1T FM Holding UK Limited) v Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy* counsel for interested party in expedited judicial review relating to the forced

divestment of a company under the National Security and Investment Act 2021 (unled).

- *Bank Mellat v Council and others* (CJEU) representing Bank Mellat in its appeal to the CJEU in relation to the imposition of general sanctions (led in a team including Richard Blakeley).
- *R (Japan Tobacco International and others) v Secretary of State for Health* (High Court, Court of Appeal) representing the manufacturers of tobacco products in a challenge under A1P1 and Article 17 to the UK's plain packaging regulations (led by David Anderson KC).

Other domestic matters:

- *Siddiqui v Siddiqui* (Court of Appeal) junior counsel working with specialist family counsel for the parents of an adult child, successfully resisting a novel claim for child maintenance alleging discrimination on the basis of the living status of the parents.
- Assisted David Anderson KC in his Review of Investigatory Powers, involving consideration of surveillance, security and privacy law in the UK, EU and ECHR.

International:

Jennifer has particular expertise in international human rights, and she has been instructed both led and unled before the UN treaty bodies such as the CEDAW Committee, the Human Rights Committee, the Committee against Torture, as well as the ECtHR and other international courts.

- *X v Russia* (Human Rights Committee) junior counsel for a human rights defender expelled from Russia for exercising rights to freedom of speech.
- *WS v Bulgaria* (CJEU) junior counsel for UNHCR, addressing the eligibility of women victims of violence for refugee or other protected status (led by Marie Demetriou KC)
- *Semenya v Switzerland* (ECtHR) acting for the South African Human Rights Commission in respect of Caster Semenya's application to the ECtHR regarding IAAF rules on competition (in a team including Emma Mockford and Zahra Al-Rikabi).
- *A v UK* (CEDAW Committee) leading claim on behalf of an individual alleging that the UK has failed to comply with the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Violence against Women in respect of its treatment of victims of gender-based violence.
- *Tishkina v Bulgaria* (ECtHR) acting for applicants in Bulgaria to the ECtHR claiming breaches under Article 8 and A1P1 in respect of illegal mining (unled).
- *X v Poland* (ECtHR) acting for ClientEarth in respect of an application to the ECtHR for a claimant who was refused standing to judicially review Poland's Air Quality Plans (unled).
- *Coppin v Ireland* (Committee on the Convention against Torture) junior counsel for Elizabeth Coppin in her claim against Ireland for internment and mistreatment in Ireland's Magdalene Laundries.

- *X & Y v Russia* (CEDAW Committee) sole counsel for the interveners, Equality Now, supporting the applicants in their successful claim that Russian laws on domestic violence (including the requirement for victims to bring private prosecutions) were discriminatory (unled).
- *Tagayeva and others v Russia* (ECtHR) a successful claim under Article 2 against Russia for its failures in relation to the Beslan hostage crisis, including issues of international humanitarian law (assisting Counsel at the European Human Rights Advocacy Centre).
- *X and Y v Georgia* (CEDAW Committee) a successful claim against Georgia alleging systemic discrimination in relation to domestic violence victims.
- *Nicklinson v UK* (ECtHR) representing Jane and Tony Nicklinson alleging breach of their procedural Article 8 rights in relation to the prohibition on assisted dying (led by Paul Bowen KC).
- Assisting and advising on cases before the ECtHR, including *Barakhoyev and Keligov v Russia* (abduction, torture and ill-treatment in North Ossetia) and *Taganova & Esartia v Russia* and *Mamasakhlisi and other v Georgia and Russia* (ethnic cleansing in Abkhazia).

Environmental claims:

- *Tishkina v Bulgaria* (ECtHR) acting for applicants in Bulgaria to the ECtHR claiming breaches under Article 8 and A1P1 in respect of illegal mining (unled).
- *X v Poland* (ECtHR) acting for ClientEarth in respect of an application to the ECtHR for a claimant who was refused standing to judicially review Poland's Air Quality Plans (unled).
- *ClientEarth v Commission* (General Court) acting for ClientEarth and other NGOs in a challenge to the European Commission's designation of fossil gas as sustainable under the EU taxonomy (unled, with Hugo Leith).

Competition

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Jennifer is Standing Counsel to the CMA. She is recommended in the directories as "*one of the future stars of the competition bar*", and "*one of, if not the best, competition juniors at the Bar*" who "*performs like a silk.*"

She is "*intertwined in the leading cases in this area*", having acted in the first standalone cases on excessive pricing (*Flynn and Pfizer v CMA*, *Hg and Cinven v CMA*), the first cartel damages trial (*BritNed v ABB*) and the first class action trial (*Le Patourel v BT*).

Selected notable instructions include:

Abuse of dominance

- *Hg, Cinven and Advanz Pharma v CMA* (CAT, Court of Appeal) Junior counsel for the CMA successfully defending its decision fining a range of pharmaceutical companies for excessive pricing in relation to liothyronine tablets.
- *Le Patourel v BT* (CAT) Sole counsel for the CMA intervening in the first collective proceedings trial in the CAT.
- *Cabo v MGA* (High Court) Junior counsel defending claims for abuse of dominance in the toy sector, relating to LOL Surprise! dolls (led by Victoria Wakefield KC).
- *Kent v Apple* (CAT) Junior counsel at the outset of the claim for an estimated class of c. 20m claimants who have made payments to Apple in the App Store, alleging abuse of dominance (in a team led by Mark Hoskins KC).
- *Flynn and Pfizer v CMA* (CAT, Court of Appeal, CAT, Court of Appeal) Junior counsel for the CMA in the first and second appeal by pharmaceutical companies against the fine imposed for excessive pricing on anti-epileptic drugs.
- *Coll v Google* (CAT) Junior counsel at the outset of the claim for an estimated class of c. 20m claimants who have made payments to Google, alleging various abuses of dominance (in a team led by Mark Hoskins KC).
- *Genius Sports v Soft Construct and ors* (High Court) Counsel for the defendant sports betting company in respect of allegations of breaches of IP rights, raising defences under competition law (led by Danny Jowell KC).
- *Red & White Services Ltd v Phil Anslow Ltd* (High Court) Acting for the defendant to a trespass claim raising defences of collusion and abuse of dominance (unled) (settled July 2018).

Cartel and collusion claims

- *CMA v Others* (CAT) sole counsel for the CMA in a without notice application for four warrants relating to suspected unlawful conduct in the computer aided design market.
- *Cabo v MGA* (High Court, Court of Appeal) Junior counsel defending claims for abuse of dominance in the toy sector, relating to LOL Surprise! dolls (led by Victoria Wakefield KC).
- *Genius Sports v Soft Construct and ors* (High Court) Counsel for the defendant sports betting company in respect of allegations of breaches of IP rights, raising defences under competition law (led by Danny Jowell KC).
- *BritNed v ABB* (High Court, Court of Appeal) Representing the defendant in the first cartel damages trial over 5 weeks in the High Court, and on appeal (led by Mark Hoskins KC and Sarah Ford KC).
- *Litigation concerning the CRT cartel* (High Court, CAT) Representing one of the defendants

in a series of complex follow-on damages actions in the CRT sector (led by Marie Demetriou KC).

- *Litigation concerning the trucks cartel* (CAT) Representing Volvo/Renault in a number of follow-on damages actions, including class actions, in the trucks sector (led in a team by Mark Hoskins KC and Sarah Ford KC).
- *Red & White Services Ltd v Phil Anslow Ltd* (High Court) Acting for the defendant to a trespass claim raising defences of collusion and abuse of dominance (unled) (settled July 2018).
- *Breasley Pillows v Vita and others; Hilding Anders and others v Vita and others* (High Court, CAT) Representing the defendant in follow-on damages actions resulting from a foam cartel in both the CAT and the High Court (settled 2016) (led by Mark Hoskins KC). In particular, Jennifer acted unled in the first decision by the CAT on the fast-track procedure in follow-on damages actions.

Class actions

- *Le Patourel v BT* (CAT) Sole counsel for the CMA intervening in the first collective proceedings trial in the CAT.
- *Kent v Apple* (CAT) Junior counsel at the outset of the claim for an estimated class of c. 20m claimants who have made payments to Apple in the App Store, alleging abuse of dominance (in a team led by Mark Hoskins KC).
- *Coll v Google* (CAT) Junior counsel at the outset of the claim for an estimated class of c. 20m claimants who have made payments to Google, alleging various abuses of dominance (in a team led by Mark Hoskins KC).

Career & Qualifications

Employment

September 2014 – present: Tenant, Brick Court Chambers

September 2013 – September 2014: Pupil, Brick Court Chambers

January 2011 – February 2016: Co-founder and board member of Lawyers against Abuse

July 2012 – June 2013: Lead Consultant on Due Diligence Project, Special Rapporteur for Violence against Women/ UN Women

January 2012 – June 2012: Visiting Lecturer, University of the Witwatersrand

January 2011 – December 2011: Harvard Law School Holmes Public Interest Fellow, Socio-Economic Rights Institute of South Africa

August 2010 – December 2010: Senior Fellow, Institute for International Law and Human Rights

Call

- 2018: Called to the Bar of Ireland
- 2013: Called to the Bar (Middle Temple)
- 2013: Called to the Bar (New York)

Education

- 2012 – 2013: BPTC, City Law School (Outstanding)
- 2009 – 2010: LL.M, Harvard Law School
- 2006 – 2009: MA (Hons) Law, University of Cambridge (Downing College) (First Class)

Current Panel Memberships

- Attorney General's A Panel of Counsel
- EHRC's A Panel of Counsel
- CMA's Standing Counsel

Scholarships and Prizes

Jennifer has received a number of accolades since beginning her practice, including:

- Public Law and Human Rights Junior of the Year (2024)
- Junior Pro Bono Barrister of the Year (2024) (jointly)
- Young Pro Bono Barrister of the Year (jointly, including with Emma Mockford) (2020)
- Highly Commended, Excellence in Pro Bono Award (jointly, with Emma Mockford and Arnold & Porter), Law Society (2020)
- Young Pro Bono Barrister of the Year (2019)
- Peter Duffy Scholarship (BEG) (2014)
- Conference Scholarship (ALBA) (2014)

She also received many academic scholarships and prizes as a student, including:

- BPTC (2012-13): Baron Dr Ver Heyden de Lancey Prize, Queen Mother Scholarship, Certificate of Honour (Middle Temple); Barstow Scholarship, Oxford University Press Prize for Excellence in Advocacy and Procedure, Worshipful Company of Arbitrators Prize for Commercial Law, Finance and Industry Prize for Commercial Law and Civil Procedure (City Law School)
- Harvard Law School (2009-10): Holmes Postgraduate Fellowship for Human Rights, Cambridge-Harvard Law Link Scholarship, Travel Fellowship from the Institute of Global Law and Policy
- Downing College, Cambridge University (2006-09): Prize for Commercial Law, Prize for Contract Law, Squire Scholarships (Cambridge University), Senior Harris Scholarship, Buchanan Prizes, Platt Prize, Lovells Prize (Downing College)

Professional Memberships

ALBA, BEG, COMBAR, LCLCBA, JUSTICE, Liberty, HRLA

Board member of JUSTICE (2018-2024), Council member of JUSTICE (2024-)

Board member of Lawyers against Abuse (2012-2016).

Board member of Bar Choral Society (2022-).

Selected Directory Quotes

"Jenny is really impressive. She is razor sharp and has incredible attention to detail, sharp analytical skills and excellent judgement. She is constantly available, immediately responsive and works really hard to juggle everything." (Chambers & Partners, Civil Liberties & Human Rights, 2027)

"She is truly stellar: insightful and accurate legal analysis, crisp written submissions and a brilliant team-member." (Chambers & Partners, Civil Liberties & Human Rights, 2027)

"She has the work ethic of five people. She is phenomenally bright and turns out drafts you can't improve." (Chambers & Partners, Civil Liberties & Human Rights, 2027)

"Jennifer is quick on the uptake and has excellent public law knowledge at her fingertips which makes her the ideal contact in a time-sensitive proposed judicial review challenge." (Chambers & Partners, Civil Liberties & Human Rights, 2027)

"A truly one-of-a-kind barrister: sharp, commercially aware and able to turn herself to any area of law with ease." (Chambers & Partners, Administrative and Public Law, 2027)

"Jennifer has the work ethic of five people, is phenomenally bright and turns out drafts you can't

improve." (Chambers & Partners, Administrative and Public Law, 2027)

"Jenny is really impressive: razor-sharp, with incredible attention to detail and sharp analytical skills. Her excellent judgment, constant availability and immediate responses make her one of my go-to barristers." (Chambers & Partners, Administrative and Public Law, 2027)

"Jenny is one of the best public law juniors at the Bar. She is exceptionally clever but also very commercial, pragmatic, accessible, clear and hard-working. I would always want her on my team." (Chambers & Partners, Administrative and Public Law, 2027)

"She is incredibly quick at getting on top of facts and legal regimes and providing wise strategies. She is so brilliant and I cannot sing her praises highly enough."(Chambers & Partners, Administrative and Public Law, 2027)

"Jennifer is fantastic. She has been absolutely brilliant. She is a real high-flyer in my view. Jennifer is a brilliant person to work with. She is super user-friendly, available and incredibly hard-working. She's great." (Chambers & Partners, Competition Law, 2027)

"Jennifer is a very shrewd and respected junior who is operating at silk level." (Chambers & Partners, Competition Law, 2027)

"Jennifer is an incredibly experienced, razor-sharp junior who is a delight to work with." (Chambers & Partners, Competition Law, 2027)

"Jennifer would be my number one barrister to work with. She is really smart and a complete all-rounder of a barrister. She can take over the strategy of a matter and is an excellent oral advocate, at the top end of the Commercial Bar and Chancery Bar. She is one of the very best with deadlines. She is one of the best I have worked with." (Chambers & Partners, Group Litigation, 2027)

"Jennifer is an experienced and robust advocate. Her interest in strategy and tactics made her invaluable." (Chambers & Partners, Group Litigation, 2027)

"Jennifer is excellent at cross-examination. She is super committed and goes above and beyond." (Chambers & Partners, Group Litigation, 2027)

"Jenny is an extraordinary lawyer. She wears her enormous intellect lightly and matches it with unmatched emotional intelligence, conscious not only of the best strategy and arguments on the law, but always with the client and the wider geopolitical situation in mind. Her advocacy is clinical, yet relaxed; she has a masterful ability to attack the very heart of a case, while being full of personality and likability before any tribunal." (Legal 500, International Human Rights and Criminal Law, 2027)

"Jennifer is an effective advocate who represents her clients very well." (Legal 500, Inquests and Inquiries, 2027)

"In my experience, Jenny's principal strengths lie in her calm and measured approach, her close attention to detail, and her sound judgment. She is consistently well prepared and engages carefully with the evidential record and the nuances of the case. This attention to detail translates into clear and reliable advice and recommendations. She is also flexible and pragmatic in her approach, adapting effectively as matters develop and responding constructively to changing instructions. She works collaboratively with the instructing team and communicates well with clients. In terms of advocacy, I have worked with Jenny on a number of complex, challenging, and high-profile cases; she has always been an effective and persuasive advocate whose style is controlled rather than confrontational. She advances arguments with clarity and precision and is able to make her points with force but without overstatement, thus quickly building and maintaining credibility. In short, she is excellent. I have not identified any weaknesses in her performance in the matters on which I have instructed her. Her style is deliberately understated; forceful but not aggressive, and is very effective in advancing the client's position." (Legal 500, Group Litigation, 2027)

"Jenny is the complete package. She is a brilliant advocate, an exceptional drafter, and a joy to work with." (Legal 500, Competition, 2027)

"Jennifer is an outstanding barrister. She combines razor-sharp legal analysis with a down-to-earth manner and is a wonderful person to work with." (Legal 500, Administrative Law and Human Rights, 2027)

"Jennifer MacLeod is right at the top and an obvious silk in the making." (Chambers & Partners, Civil Liberties & Human Rights, 2026)

"Jenny is absolutely amazing, she performs like a silk. I would have her in all my cases" (Chambers & Partners, Competition Law, 2026).

"Jennifer is an absolute superstar. She punches well above her year of call. Her drafting is excellent and she's a brilliant advocate" (Chambers & Partners, Competition Law, 2026).

"Jennifer has a rare combination of being fiercely bright but also really personable. She can always find a solution and is phenomenal with law and fact." (Chambers & Partners, Administrative & Public Law, 2026)

"Jenny is the full package: she is a forensic powerhouse and extremely tactically sharp as well. All of this combined this with an indefatigable work ethic. She is one of, if not the best, competition juniors at the Bar. Her advocacy is second to none." (Legal 500, Competition, 2026)

"Jennifer is a joy to work with. She rolls her sleeves up, and there is no task, big or small, that she does not excel at. I would recommend her without hesitation." (Chambers & Partners, Competition Law, 2026).

"She is astonishingly hard-working and switched on to a phenomenal degree. She is excellent and a

strong performer in court." (Chambers & Partners, Competition Law, 2026).

"She is a brilliant person to work with, has excellent customer service and can corral a team. She's someone you'd want on every matter. She's excellent in court and a clear writer." (Chambers & Partners, Group Litigation, 2026).

"Jennifer is an impressive and phenomenally clever barrister with a brilliant manner and excellent client-handling skills." (Chambers & Partners, Administrative & Public Law, 2026)

"Jennifer MacLeod is a master of the law and is always on top of international law precedents." (Chambers & Partners, Civil Liberties & Human Rights 2026)

"Jennifer rolls up her sleeves, gets stuck in and has that rare combination of legal talent and interpersonal skills." (Chambers & Partners, Civil Liberties & Human Rights 2026)

"Jennifer is a brilliant person to work with. She combines outstanding legal skills with tremendous energy and drive, and great warmth and empathy with her clients." (Legal 500, Administrative Law and Human Rights, 2026)

"Jenny has huge versatility in her skill set. She drafts beautifully and brings forensic rigour to her work. She is a real team player." (Chambers & Partners, International Human Rights Law, 2025)

"Jennifer is a first-class thinker and a fierce advocate." (Chambers & Partners, International Human Rights Law, 2025)

"Jenny is an all-round brilliant barrister. She is on top of the case law and the facts, and is a brilliant advocate who holds her own in the most challenging circumstances." (Chambers & Partners, International Human Rights Law, 2025)

"Jennifer is an incredibly clever strategic thinker who will see angles that others miss. It is a game-changer having her on your team." (Chambers & Partners, Administrative & Public Law, 2025)

"Combining a fierce intellect, great procedural insight and sharp strategy make Jennifer a stand-out junior for novel and complex matters." (Chambers & Partners, Administrative & Public Law, 2025)

"She is absolutely superb as a legal analyst and tactician." (Chambers & Partners, Administrative & Public Law, 2025)

"Jennifer is extremely smart and super forensic but she is also very easy to work with." (Chambers & Partners, Administrative & Public Law, 2025)

"Jennifer is really brilliant. She is a very impressive advocate with advocacy skills far beyond her year of call." (Chambers & Partners, Competition Law, 2025)

"Jennifer is a stellar advocate and advisor. Her instincts are always spot on." (Legal 500, Inquests

and Inquiries, 2025)

"Jennifer has exceptional people skills. She can lead and play a supportive role, as the case and team requires. She is also an excellent lawyer - an analytical and creative thinker." (Legal 500, Group Litigation, 2025)

"Jenny is a future star of the competition law Bar. A thoughtful advocate and a tenacious cross-examiner." (Legal 500, Competition Law, 2025)

"Jennifer is extremely intelligent and she applies her formidable intellect to every case in which she is involved. She has a phenomenal work ethic." (Legal 500, Administrative and Human Rights, 2025)

"An outstanding and decisive junior." (Legal 500, Inquests and Inquiries, 2024)

"A superb litigator. She is tactically astute and does not shrink from a fight." (Legal 500, Group Litigation, 2024)

"She is an intellectual force, able to turn to the most complex and novel areas with depth and deftness." (Legal 500, Administrative and Public Law, 2024)

"Jennifer has deep knowledge of competition law. She is a skilled communicator who provides insightful and well-reasoned advice to clients and persuasive arguments in court." (Legal 500, Competition Law, 2024)

"An outstanding lawyer. She excels in complex cases, managing the responsibility of her role with hard work, detailed knowledge of her case and the law, exceptional written and oral advocacy, positivity and sheer talent" (Legal 500, Inquests and Inquiries, 2023)

"Superlative, both in written submissions and when on her feet. Excellent tactical approach" (Legal 500, Administrative and Public Law, 2023)

"Jenny is an amazing asset to any competition team. Unlike many juniors, she has fought several competition trials, so her advice and the decisions she takes are grounded in real knowledge" (Legal 500, Competition Law, 2023)

"Jennifer is an incredibly thoughtful and strategic advocate." (Chambers & Partners, Civil Liberties & Human Rights; International Human Rights Law, 2023)

"Jenny is a real rising star and is incredibly impressive." "She is phenomenal – clever, sensitive and powerful as an advocate" (Chambers & Partners, Civil Liberties and Human Rights; International Human Rights Law, 2022)

"An absolutely outstanding and incredibly hard-working barrister." "She is extremely talented and doesn't shy away from analytical problems and complex matters." (Chambers & Partners,

Administrative & Public Law, 2022)

"Jennifer is razor-sharp and focussed. She is super committed to her clients and will go above and beyond to ensure that they get the best possible representation. Her submissions are always a cut above." (Legal 500, Competition Law, 2022)

"Jennifer is simply brilliant. She combines hard work, detailed knowledge of her case and the law, positivity and sheer talent, she generates respect from lay and professional clients, her colleagues and the Court. She has outstanding judgement and tactical nous." (Legal 500, Administrative and Public Law; Civil Liberties and Human Rights 2022)

"One of those rare barristers who can really change the fortunes of a case" (Legal 500, Administrative and Public Law, 2021)

"A star of her generation" "Phenomenally quick, a great team player and a fantastic strategist. She is the full package". "Passionate, focused and fiercely determined - and won't be steered off course no matter what the opponent tries to throw at her! A real leading light who will go far" (Legal 500, Civil Liberties and Human Rights, 2021)

"An outstanding junior, one of the future stars of the competition bar. She is razor-sharp, has a phenomenal work ethic and is 100% committed to each and every case" (Legal 500, Competition, 2021).

"Super smart, takes no nonsense and very ready to roll up her sleeves." "Very impressive with clients, who really rate her very highly." (Chambers & Partners, Administrative & Public Law, 2021)

"She has a hugely impressive ability to be completely across the detail and also to sit back and see the bigger picture." "She's an extremely hard worker, who is very user-friendly and completely committed." (Chambers & Partners, Competition Law, 2021).

"She has judgement and wisdom beyond her call and is constantly striving to push litigation forward in the right way." "She is the kind of barrister that solicitors dream of working with: she is approachable, extraordinarily diligent and very willing to support solicitors with the legwork involved in preparing a case. She is also an excellent strategic public lawyer and has a very sympathetic manner with lay clients." (Chambers & Partners, Administrative & Public Law, 2020)

"She is exceptionally clever and deeply committed to cases. She's a delight to work with." (Chambers & Partners, EU Law, 2018)