

Sophie Bird

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Practice Overview

Sophie practises in commercial, public and competition/EU law. She joined chambers as a tenant in September 2021 following the successful completion of pupillage supervised by Craig Morrison, Malcolm Birdling and Nicholas Saunders QC.

Sophie graduated with a BA in Politics, Philosophy and Economics from the University of Oxford in 2015, going on to work in Mergers and Acquisitions at Credit Suisse in London. She then graduated with a LLB (First Class) from the University of Cambridge in 2018, ranking first in Constitutional Law. She completed the LLM from Harvard University in 2019.

Commercial

Sophie accepts instructions across all areas of commercial law. Her recent experience includes:

- *Azima v Ras Al Khaimah Investment Authority* – a dispute concerning allegations that RAKIA was responsible for hacking large quantities of Mr Azima's data (led by Tim Lord QC and Thomas Plewman QC, with Hugo Leith)
- *The Racing Partnership v Sports Information Services* [2020] EWCA Civ 1300 – an appeal concerning the law of conspiracy and breach of confidence (as a pupil, assisting Craig Morrison)
- *Toucan Energy Holdings v Wirsol Energy* [2021] EWHC 895 – a contractual dispute concerning defective works on solar parks (as a pupil, assisting Craig Morrison)
- Advising a major pharmaceutical company in respect of an ongoing contractual dispute in relation to patent rights (as a pupil, assisting Nicholas Saunders QC)

Competition

Sophie accepts instructions in all types of competition law actions and investigations. Her recent experience includes:

- *Phillip Evans v Barclays Bank and Others* – acting for Phillip Evans in his application to pursue an opt-out collective action against six banks, seeking damages in respect of unlawful practices in the FX market (led by Victoria Wakefield QC and Aidan Robertson QC, with Hugo Leith)
- *Secretary of State for Health v Servier Laboratories* – a preliminary issue trial in a claim for damages following the European Commission’s decision that Servier’s ‘pay for delay’ settlement agreements with generic companies for perindopril were anti-competitive (as a pupil, assisting Nicholas Saunders QC)

Public Law

Sophie accepts instructions across all areas of public law, civil liberties and human rights, and is also developing a pro bono practice. Her recent experience includes:

- Seconded barrister to the Financial Conduct Authority
- *G v G* [2021] UKSC 9 – an appeal concerning the interplay between the 1980 Hague Convention and the principle of non refoulement (as a pupil, assisting Malcolm Birdling, led by Raza Husain QC appearing on behalf of the UNHCR)
- Advising on a proposed judicial review in the transportation sector (as a pupil, assisting Malcolm Birdling)
- Assisting in a judicial review in relation to the Investigation into Antisemitism in the Labour Party (as a pupil, assisting Malcolm Birdling)

EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS

Education:

2019-20: BPTC at BPP

2018-19: LLM at Harvard University

2016-18: LLB (Senior Status) at Hughes Hall, Cambridge (First)

2012-15: BA in Politics, Philosophy and Economics at New College, Oxford

Prizes and Scholarships:

Lincoln's Inn – Lord Denning Scholarship

Harvard Law School – Deans Scholar Prize in Constitutional Law (First Amendment)

University of Cambridge – ECS Wade Prize for best performance in Constitutional Law

Volunteer / Pro Bono:

2019-20: legal volunteer at Islington Legal Centre (Immigration Team)

2018-19: student attorney at Harvard Prison Legal Assistance Project

2018-19: student attorney at Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinic