

Camilla Cockerill

YEAR OF CALL: 2022



Practice Overview

From February to June 2024 and January to March 2025, Camilla worked as seconded external counsel at the Foreign and Commonwealth Development Office (FCDO), where she was involved in a range of public international law matters.

Highlights of Camilla's current and recent cases include:

- ***Dr Brook v Google and Professor Rodger v Google***: Collective proceedings (worth circa £1bn and £5bn respectively) brought against Google in the Competition Appeal Tribunal on behalf of UK advertisers and UK app developers (led by Kieron Beal KC, Blackstone Chambers and Robert O'Donoghue, Brick Court).
- ***GIG Investments v XYERS UK Limited & Ors***: High value unlawful means conspiracy claim arising out of investments in a Luxembourg incorporated umbrella fund. Camilla successfully defended VP Liechtenstein and VP Luxembourg in a 7 week trial before Justice Jacobs (led by Richard Blakeley KC, Brick Court).
- Preparing submissions to the Inter American Court of Human Rights on behalf of the Global Strategic Litigation Counsel in respect of the Chile / Columbia request for an advisory opinion concerning States' obligations to respond to the climate emergency within the framework of international human rights law.
- ***Waterside Class Limited v Mowi ASA & Ors 643/7/7/24***: Acting for the class in an opt-out class action in the CAT, alleging unlawful collusion between the largest producers of Norwegian Atlantic salmon. The producers face a £382 million class action on behalf of millions of UK consumers (led by Sarah Abram KC, Brick Court).

Camilla's recent experience as a sole advocate includes (i) appearing in the high court on a successful application for retrospective permission to serve a claim out of time (ii) striking out a claim for breach of contract brought against Microsoft Limited and (iii) successfully striking out a

claim for defamation and fraud against solicitors for the Registrar.

Camilla has experience of interlocutory applications in a civil fraud context, including freezing orders in support of litigation and arbitration and contempt of court proceedings.

Prior to coming to the bar, Camilla worked in Slaughter and May's London and Brussels offices, where she worked on the first standalone competition damages claims issued under the opt-out collective proceedings regime and a number of class actions arising out of ESG related claims (including claims brought by Malawian tobacco pickers against BAT in the English courts).

Camilla also worked as a seconded lawyer in the competition and arbitration departments of the Spanish firm Uría Menéndez in Madrid.

She has undertaken pro-bono work alongside her commercial work, representing asylum seekers in Thessaloniki and before the French immigration authority OFPRA in Paris. Camilla speaks Spanish, French and some Portuguese.

Camilla read English Literature at Cambridge, graduating with First Class Honours and winning several University and College prizes.

Arbitration

Camilla has experience in international arbitration having worked at both Slaughter and May and the arbitration department of Uría Menéndez in Madrid before coming to the bar. She is familiar with many of the institutional rules, including ICC, ICSID and LCIA and has been involved in high-profile, high-value disputes, involving English law, foreign law and international law. She speaks Spanish and French and is comfortable reviewing and working with documents in both languages.

- As a tenant, Camilla has assisted in advising on a high value LCIA arbitration (London seat) arising out of the sale of an aircraft.

Camilla's experience at Slaughter and May included:

- An ICC arbitration (London seat): acting for the investors in a US\$ multi-billion dispute with a national electricity company and a State arising out of the construction of a power station.
- An ICC arbitration (French seat): acting for a Spanish construction company in relation to a contractual dispute arising out of a Heads of Terms.
- Advising investors in an ICSID arbitration under a BIT arising out of investment in a petroleum plant.

Civil fraud

Camilla has a particular interest in litigation involving allegations of conspiracy, deceit, secret commissions and dishonest assistance. Her recent experience includes:

- ***GIG Investments & Ors v XY ERS UK Limited & Ors [2025] EWHC 740 (Comm)***: Successfully defending the investment fund services providers VP Liechtenstein and VP Luxembourg in a high value unlawful means conspiracy claim arising out of investments in Luxembourg incorporated umbrella fund (led by Richard Blakely, Brick Court).
- ***Jazgarska v Kalapong & Ors***: Acting for the Claimant in a claim for breach of trust, knowing receipt, dishonest assistance and rectification of register pursuant to s.125 CA 2006 in respect of an English company engaged in investment in Ukraine.
- ***Henderson & Jones v Ross, Barnes & Ors [2022] EWHC 2560 (Ch)***: As a pupil, Camilla assisted the team acting for the Defendant solicitor to a £50m dishonesty claim relating to the restructuring of a cosmetic surgery business, including allegations of unlawful means conspiracy, transactions defrauding creditors and unlawful distributions.
- While at Slaughter and May, Camilla worked on a high value claim brought in the English courts by a syndicate of lenders alleging unlawful means conspiracy against company directors in the context of French insolvency proceedings.

Camilla is experienced in interlocutory applications in a civil fraud context, including freezing orders and contempt of court proceedings. Her recent experience includes:

- ***SIA Investments v Bryce & Pardus Wealth***: s44 Arbitration Act application: Obtaining freezing injunction over €3million in support of German arbitration proceedings.
- ***SIA Investments v Bryce & Pardus Wealth***: Pursuing contempt of court committal proceedings and disclosure application pursuant to breach of the freezing order.
- ***Therium Litigation Funding v Bugsby Property [2023] EWHC 2627 (Comm)***: Obtaining proprietary freezing order in £27m dispute about the enforceability of litigation funding agreements (first post-PACCAR case on litigation funding in the Commercial Court) led by Theo Barclay

Insurance

- As a pupil, Camilla assisted a team advising Aviva in respect of allegedly fraudulent multi-million pound claims made under home insurance policies (supervised by Shail Patel KC).
- At Slaughter and May, Camilla was involved in advising Zurich in the FCA test case relating to business interruption insurance policies in the context of the Covid 19 pandemic.

Jurisdiction & Conflict of Laws

Camilla has extensive experience of conflicts of law issues and jurisdiction challenges. Her recent experience includes:

- ***Boroli v XYERS UK Limited & Ors***. Jurisdiction challenge raising Article 4 Rome II issues of applicable law in the context of a high value unlawful means conspiracy claim arising out of investments in Luxembourg incorporated umbrella fund (led by Richard Blakeley KC).
- ***Slivnik & Ors v FCDO & Ors***. Successfully representing the Foreign and Commonwealth Development Office in a jurisdiction challenge in the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the context of the 2011 collapse of the Anguillian banking sector (led by Dan Saoul KC).
- While at Slaughter and May, Camilla worked on group litigation brought against UK incorporated parent companies in respect of the activities of their overseas subsidiaries (including ***Josiva & 7,262 Ors v BAT***). The particular focus of the work was on cross-border jurisdictional issues.
- Camilla was also involved in advising on jurisdictional challenges in the context of unlawful means conspiracy claims brought in the English courts in the context of French insolvency proceedings, and arbitration clauses in contractual disputes.

Professional Liability

Camilla is frequently instructed in professional liability matters concerning claims involving a range of professionals, including solicitors, accountants, and financial advisers (including tax advisers). Recent examples of her work include:

- ***Taylor & Thomas v St Paul's Solicitors***. Acting for the Defendant Solicitor in a multi-million pound lost litigation claim arising out of complex, multi party fraud proceedings.
- Advising a claimant investor in relation to a potential claim against their financial advisor in respect of the Eclipse film finance schemes.
- As a pupil, Camilla worked on a number of professional negligence claims against insurance brokers (acting for the defendant broker), company directors in the insolvency context, and claims against solicitors in the context of judicial review.

Public Law

Camilla has experience representing Claimants and Defendants in Judicial Review claims before the administrative court, as well as advisory work in respect of the ECHR. Recent examples of her

work include:

- *AAA v Commissioner of the British Indian Ocean Territory & Ors [2024] BIOT CA (Civ) 1/ KP v Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs & Ors [2025] EWHC 370 (Admin)*: Acting for the FCDO as seconded external counsel in two related cases brought by Sri Lankan asylum seekers in the British Indian Ocean Territory Supreme Court and in the High Court of England and Wales.
- *Thomas v SoS for Justice*: Acting for Claimant in a claim for Judicial Review of HMS Berwyn's investigation and appeals processes.
- Providing pro bono advice on a claim in respect of pensions payments to prisoners, under Article 14 ECHR and A1P1 ECHR.
- As a pupil, Camilla assisted the team that succeeded in *Green & Others v Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis* (to which the Secretary of State for the Home Department was an interested party), arising out of claims that the Police Pensions Regulations were incompatible with Articles 8, 12 and 14 (read with A1P1) of the ECHR (supervised by Richard O'Brien KC).
- As a pupil, Camilla worked on proceedings before the Investigatory Powers Tribunal in respect of a challenge to a warrant permitting the NCA to obtain encrypted messages from "Encrochat" devices (supervised by Richard O'Brien KC).
- As a pupil, Camilla assisted in advising corporate entities seeking to bring claims in Strasbourg under A1P1 ECHR, and advising governmental departments on how policy proposals might be impacted by A1P1 ECHR (supervised by Richard O'Brien KC).

Disciplinary

Camilla was instructed for a Respondent in the matter of MWB Holdings, the largest proceedings brought to date before the Takeover Panel Hearings Committee and obtained a 50% reduction on the sanction sought by the Executive against the Respondent (led by Richard Eschwege KC).

Public international law

Camilla has a particular interest in public international law and the intersection between climate change, migration and human rights. Recent examples of her work include:

- Representing Petitioner in a claim in the Columbian Constitutional Court to seek emergency access to waiting lists for organ transplants.

- *Haki na Sheria Initiative v. Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government & Others* (AMM Case), Petition No. E011 of 2022:

Ground-breaking strategic litigation brought in the courts of Kenya, relating to the citizenship rights of spouses married to Kenyan citizens and children born from unions between a refugee / asylum seeker and a Kenyan citizen.

- *Mr Khairuzzaman v Government of Malaysia*: Preparing an expert report on the principle of non-refoulement as customary international law, in the context of proceedings seeking a stay of the extradition of the ex-high commissioner of Bangladesh to Malaysia (led by Marie Demetriou KC).
- Preparing submissions to the Inter American Court of Human Rights in respect of the Chile / Columbia request for an advisory opinion in respect of States' obligations to respond to the climate emergency within the framework of international human rights law.
- *AAA v Commissioner of the British Indian Ocean Territory & Ors [2024] BIOT CA (Civ) 1/ KP v Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs & Ors [2025] EWHC 370 (Admin)*: Acting for the FCDO as seconded external counsel in two related cases brought by Sri Lankan asylum seekers in the British Indian Ocean Territory Supreme Court and in the High Court of England and Wales which raised the issue of the nature and scope of the principle of "constructive" or "de facto" refoulement under international law.
- Working in conjunction with NGO Lawyers for Nature and Chilean law firms to examine the possibility of appointing representatives of nature to corporate boards, under Chilean law.

Group Litigation

Camilla has experience of large scale group litigation and class actions, and an understanding of the particular issues such cases present. Her experience at 4 New Square and Slaughter and May includes:

- Worked (as pupil) on *Various Investors v G4S Ltd* in claims under section 90A of FSMA 2000 for statutory compensation in relation to published information (supervised by Shail Patel KC).
- Worked (as pupil) on *O'Higgins FX Class Representative Limited v Barclays Bank*, in relation to consequential hearing following carriage dispute (supervised by Shail Patel KC).
- *Milasi Josiya & 7,262 others v BAT*: Claims brought under Malawian Law in the English courts by a number of Malawian tobacco farmers, concerning allegations of child and forced labour on third party farms in Malawi (Slaughter and May).

Competition

Camilla has experience of large scale competition litigation, having worked as a barrister and solicitor on some of the largest follow on damages claims brought before the English courts:

- ***Dr Brook v Google***: Collective proceedings worth circa £1bn brought against Google in the Competition Appeal Tribunal on behalf of circa 200,000 UK advertisers (led by Robert O'Donoghue, Brick Court).
- ***Professor Rodger v Google*** 1673/7/7/24: Collective proceedings worth circa £1bn brought against Google in the Competition Appeal Tribunal on behalf of UK app developers (led by Kieron Beal KC, Blackstone Chambers and Robert O'Donoghue, Brick Court).
- ***Waterside Class Limited v Mowi ASA & Ors*** 643/7/7/24: Acting for the class in an opt-out class action in the CAT, alleging unlawful collusion between the largest producers of Norwegian Atlantic salmon. The producers face a £382 million class action on behalf of millions of UK consumers (led by Sarah Abram KC).

At Slaughter and May:

- Acted for First MTR South Western Trains Limited in the first standalone claims issued under the opt-out collective proceedings regime.
- Advisory work for clients regarding preliminary rulings relating to follow on damages for breaches of competition law in the context of the Damages Directive.
- Worked on TFEU Article 101 and 102 investigations and merger control investigations in the firm's Competition office in Brussels.

At Uria Menendez:

- Acted for DAF in high-value follow on damages litigation following the European Commission's truck cartel investigation.
- Acted for Paramount in respect of a CNMC (Spanish National Markets and Competition Commission) investigation into potential TFEU Article 101 infringement.

Company

Camilla has a particular interest in derivative actions and unfair prejudice petitions. Her recent experience includes:

- ***Oldroyd v Reed & Ors***: Represented corporate trustee shareholder in high value unfair prejudice petition (led by Shail Patel KC).

- As a pupil, Camilla assisted in advising minority shareholders of a publicly listed energy company on potential claims against directors.
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