

Emma Rawkins

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Practice Overview

Emma is developing a broad practice across Brick Court's specialisms, with a particular focus on commercial law. She joined Chambers in September 2026, following the successful completion of her pupillage under the supervision of Laura Newton KC, Jennifer MacLeod, and Edward Ho.

Prior to coming to the bar, Emma graduated with a first-class degree in Law from Brasenose College, Oxford, where she finished third in the year. She then remained at the Oxford to undertake the BCL, followed by a DPhil on the law of trusts. During this time, Emma taught contract, tort, trusts and criminal law to undergraduate students at the University of Oxford.

Commercial

Emma accepts instructions across all areas of commercial law. Her recent work includes:

- ***Russian Aircraft Litigation*** : assisted Edward Ho on work relating to the Russian Aircraft Litigation, a multi-billion dollar claim by the world's largest aircraft lessor against (a) their own insurers and (b) the reinsurers of policies taken out by Russian airlines, to recover the agreed values of aircraft which have not been returned by Russian airlines following the Russian invasion of Ukraine (as a pupil)
- LCIA Arbitration 2026: assisted Laura Newton KC and Sophie Shaw with an arbitration involving an alleged fraudulent breach of warranty in a Share Purchase Agreement (as a pupil)
- Assisted Laura Newton KC defending High Court proceedings involving an alleged fraudulent foreign exchange trading scheme raising issues of knowing receipt and dishonest assistance (as a pupil)

- Assisted Laura Newton KC on a potential High Court claim involving alleged breaches of contract and fiduciary duty by a company director (as a pupil)
- *Dowers v Axis Fiduciary* : assisted Laura Newton KC in a High Court matter brought by trustees in bankruptcy to set aside a loan (as a pupil)
- *Caprotti v Torroni*: assisted Laura Newton KC in preparing a *forum non conveniens* challenge (as a pupil)
- *Pecten Capital v Azimut Enterprises SRL* : assisted Laura Newton KC in preparing for the CMC in a High Court claim involving the alleged breach of a Non-Disclosure and Non-Circumvention Agreement (as a pupil)

Public Law

- Assisted Jennifer MacLeod in preparing a potential claim against xAI which raises novel issues regarding data protection and misuse of private information in the context of deepfake image generation (as a pupil)
- Assisted Jennifer MacLeod in advising UNHCR on interpretation of the Refugee Convention (as a pupil)

Competition

- *Pfizer Incorporated & Anor v The Competition and Markets Authority* : assisted Jennifer MacLeod in relation to a Court of Appeal hearing concerned with unfair pricing in respect of the supply of phenytoin sodium capsules (as a pupil)
- *Cabo Concepts Ltd v MGA Entertainment (UK) Ltd*: assisted Jennifer MacLeod in preparing for a Court of Appeal hearing concerned with alleged abuse of dominant position, unlawful and anti-competitive agreements and actionable threats of patent infringement proceedings (as a pupil)

Publications

- 'Between rocks and hard places: limitation, privilege, and mistakes of law' (2022) 138 *Law Quarterly Review* 535 (co-authored)
- 'Interest and enrichment, again' (2022) 138 *Law Quarterly Review* 186 (co-authored)

Education & Qualifications

Education:

- BA Jurisprudence, Brasenose College, University of Oxford (First Class Honours, ranking third in cohort) (2017–2020)
- BCL, Brasenose College, University of Oxford (Distinction) (2020–2021)
- DPhil in Law, Trinity College, University of Oxford (2021–2026)
- Bar Course, Inns of Court College of Advocacy (2024–2025)

Prizes and Scholarships:

University of Oxford

- Gibbs Book Prize 2020 for combined performance in FHS Contract, Tort, Land and Trusts
- Barry Nicholas Scholarship 2020–2021
- Sir Ivor Roberts Scholarship 2021–2024
- Trinity College Doctoral Prize 2026

Gray's Inn

- Bedingfield Scholarship 2024

Professional Experience:

- Stipendiary Lecturer in Law, St Hugh's College, University of Oxford (2022–2024) (providing teaching in tort, contract and criminal law)
- Stipendiary Lecturer in Law, St Hilda's College, University of Oxford (2021–2022) (providing teaching in trusts)