

Laura Wright

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Described by clients as “knowledgeable, responsive and happy to think outside the box”, Laura has a broad commercial practice with particular experience in the following areas:

- Technology & Telecoms
- Intellectual Property
- Construction
- Banking and Financial Services
- Professional Negligence
- General Commercial Litigation

Technology & Telecoms

Laura acts in and advises on a wide range of technology-related disputes involving computer systems, internet services and software across a variety of industry sectors. From 2021-2022 Laura undertook a master’s degree in Computing Science, which involved coding in the C++ and Java languages. During the course Laura studied Computer Architecture, Operating Systems, Object Oriented Design and Programming, Databases, Algorithms, Cryptography, Computer Networks and Distributed Systems, and Software Engineering Design. For her final project, Laura designed a new coding language capable of representing legal contracts.

Laura has particular experience of claims arising out of software project failures and delays.

Featured Technology & Telecoms cases

Junior counsel in a dispute relating to a contract for the supply and implementation of digital telephony, messaging and web conferencing systems to a hospital.

Junior counsel in a dispute concerning the development of a crash detection telematics system.

Junior counsel in a multi-million pound TCC claim for breach of contract arising out of the design and installation of a hospital’s electronic records system.

Instructed as sole counsel by a leading cryptocurrency exchange in multiple cases involving cryptocurrency transactions.

Intellectual Property

Laura has in-depth knowledge and experience of the full breadth of intellectual property law including copyright, confidential information, patents, trade marks and passing off.

Featured Intellectual Property cases

Junior counsel in a High Court claim for breach of confidence and copyright infringement in relation to distressed debt investments.

Junior counsel instructed to defend a claim for breach of a licensing agreement and database right infringement arising from the development and use of actuarial models.

Sole counsel in an IPEC claim involving breach of a merchandise licence agreement, trade mark infringement and passing off.

Junior counsel in a High Court claim involving breach of a technology licensing agreement, copyright infringement, trade mark infringement and passing off.

Sole counsel in an IPEC copyright infringement dispute.

Construction & Engineering

Laura acts in construction and engineering disputes involving litigation and arbitration.

Featured Construction & Engineering cases

Instructed as junior counsel in a multi-million pound arbitration involving a contract for the fabrication of steel structures for the offshore industry.

Instructed as junior counsel in an adjudication concerning the contractual status and obligations of a sub-contractor.

Drafted pleadings and advised in a dispute concerning damage to a fuel line following building works.

Banking & Financial Services

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Instructed in a matter concerning an account closure and removal of funds following allegations of fraud.

Worked as part of the legal team in disputes concerning “close out” positions under the GMRA and GMSLA following events of default.

Instructed in a dispute involving an endowment policy.

Professional Negligence

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Junior counsel in a High Court claim against a firm of solicitors and a senior barrister in relation to the advice given before and during litigation.

Commercial Litigation

Featured Commercial Litigation cases

Assisted in a professional negligence dispute concerning mortgage fraud which included issues of negligence, breach of trust and breach of warranty of authority.

Regularly acts on behalf of insurers, both in relation to subrogated claims and coverage disputes.

Other

Laura is regularly instructed to appear in the County Courts in respect of fast track and multi-track matters. Her experience includes trials, CCMCs and interim applications including strike out and summary judgment applications.

Publications

Laura’s publications include:

- Limitation periods and cryptocurrency fraud (Butterworths Journal of International Banking and Financial Law 2022/2)

- Contributor to the Professional Liability chapter of 'The Law of Artificial Intelligence' (Sweet & Maxwell, 2020; 2nd edition 2024)
- Co-host of 4 Pump Court's podcast on Smart Contracts
- Author of Lexis Nexis's database right infringement Precedent Statements of Case

Memberships

Laura is a committee member of the Society for Computers and Law Junior Lawyers' Group. Laura's professional memberships include COMBAR, TECBAR, IPSOC and ChIPs.

Education

- 2010 – 2013: MA (Hons) Law, Trinity College, Cambridge
- 2013 – 2014: City Law School. Graded Outstanding.
- 2014 – 2015: LL.M. in International and European Intellectual Property, Trinity College Dublin. Awarded the highest 1st class degree in this subject.
- 2021 – 2022: MSc in Computing Science (Merit) from Imperial College London.