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Hazel accepts instructions across the range of Chambers' practice areas both as sole and junior counsel. She has a particular focus on commercial litigation, group litigation, consumer finance, procurement, and competition law.

Hazel graduated from Cambridge with a First Class in both her MA in Law and LLM. She was then awarded an Outstanding on the BPTC at City University.

Prior to coming to Chambers, Hazel undertook her 12-month pupillage at Brick Court. She previously worked as a judicial assistant to Lord Justice Gross at the Court of Appeal, and as a stagiaire at the European Court of Human Rights.

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Commercial

Hazel has experience of being led in complex commercial litigation and has a particular focus on issues of contractual interpretation, fraud, and asset recovery. Examples of current instructions include acting as a junior to Patrick Green QC in a claim involving guarantees of commercial loans defended on grounds of alleged misrepresentation and undue influence and assisting with a conspiracy claim arising out of joint venture arrangements brought by the Libyan Investment Authority. She is also instructed as sole counsel in smaller commercial claims.

While still a pupil, Hazel assisted in a wide range of high-value commercial matters. Examples of such work, where she assisted her pupil supervisor, include:

- *The Federal Republic of Nigeria v JP Morgan Chase Bank* [2019] EWHC 347 (summary judgment application on whether the bank owed a Quincecare duty of care).
- *Cathay Pacific Airlines v Lufthansa Technik AG* [2019] EWHC 484 (whether a multi-million contractual dispute was properly allocated within Part 7 or Part 8).
- *Omers Administration Corp & Ors v Tesco* [2019] EWHC 109 (representing the SFO in the Tesco overstatement of profits claim).

Group Actions and Product Liability

At present, Hazel is being led by Charles Gibson QC and James Purnell representing the interests of the manufacturer of hormone pregnancy test pharmaceutical products in the defence of claims brought by multiple claimants alleging congenital defects because of utero exposure of HPTs.

She has also assisted, as a pupil and tenant, various members of Chambers in other high-profile group actions in relation to consumer rights and defective products, including the Volkswagen NOx Emissions litigation, and the UK claims that form part of pelvic organ prolapse litigation (alleging defects in the mesh used in the treatment of POP).

Finance and Consumer Credit

Hazel has experience acting for a variety of lenders in relation to consumer credit disputes, involving the Consumer Credit Act 1974 and the application of the FCA Handbook. She regularly handles claims arising out of allegations of mis-sold PPI insurance and has appeared in cases concerning jurisdictional issues.

EU, Competition Law, and Public Procurement

Hazel has recently advised an educational provider in respect of a potential challenge, and competition issues, to not awarding a contract.

Hazel had experience as a pupil assisting in a range of EU/competition cases, including:

- The CAT's preliminary reference to the CJEU in the appeal of a finding of infringement of alleged 'pay for delay' settlement of patent litigation in respect of paroxetine.
- Actions for follow-on damages arising out of cartels, such as that concerning TV and computer monitor tubes.

Hazel welcomes instructions in these areas.

Public and Administrative Law

Hazel welcomes instructions relating to matters of Public and Administrative law. Hazel has begun work on the Attorney General's junior-junior counsel scheme which has included advising the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy in her own right, and acting for the MOD (being led by Adam Heppinstall QC).

During pupillage, she assisted with a wide range of public law issues in both an advisory and contentious context. The work for her pupil supervisors included:

- *R (Utilita) v BEIS* (a challenge in respect of Smartmeters, involving questions of EU energy and environmental law).
- *R (El Gizouli) v Home Secretary* [2019] EWHC 60 (a challenge to the Home Secretary's decision to share evidence with the USA without requiring a death penalty assurance).
- *R (ICAEW) v Lord Chancellor* [2019] EWHC 461 (a challenge to the Lord Chancellor's decision not to allow the ICAEW to regulate legal services).
- Grounds of appeal against a decision concerning breach of substantive legitimate expectation.

Health & Safety

Hazel has advised and assisted in a range of health and safety matters, including in relation to the meaning and effect of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974. She has most recently advised the MOD (led by Tim Green).

As a pupil, Hazel had experience of preparing for criminal trials of corporate defendants in respect of workplace fatalities, and assisting with advising across a range of sectors including in relation to Grenfell Tower, and acting for Highways England.

Appointments

Government Legal Department, Junior Junior Scheme (06/04/2020 to 04/04/2024)

Memberships

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Education

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- MA (Hons) Law, University of Cambridge (First Class)
- LLM, University of Cambridge (First Class)

- BPTC, City University (Outstanding)

Scholarships

- Phoenicia Scholarship, Bar European Group
- Kennedy Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn
- Pupil Residential Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn
- Hardwicke Entrance Award, Lincoln's Inn
- Rosemary Murray Scholarship, Murray Edwards College
- Foundation Scholar, Jesus College
- Winner, ECHR Moot Court Competition