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Lia has a broad practice covering the full range of Chambers' work. She is experienced in advisory work and all stages of the dispute resolution process (from pre-issue and interim hearings, through to trial and enforcement).

She has considerable experience in the fields of consumer credit law (her clients include most major UK lenders) and employment law (acting for both employers and employees). She regularly receives instructions in product liability, health and safety, personal injury, commercial, public law, property, and insolvency matters.

Lia has experience of mass claims and group actions. She is currently instructed to act as part of a team working on behalf of public companies domiciled in London in a mass tort claim arising out of the operations of their foreign subsidiaries. The claim raises issues of jurisdiction, parent company liability in negligence and vicarious liability. She was recently instructed as part of a team working on the UK claims that form part of a worldwide medical device group action.

Lia offers a thorough, yet pragmatic, service to her clients. The breadth of her practice allows her to give a comprehensive service (often spanning multiple practice areas).

In 2018, Lia undertook a six-month placement as a Judicial Assistant in the Commercial Court. She gained valuable experience of complex commercial trials, the full range of applications (e.g. jurisdictional disputes, freezing orders, search orders and disclosure) and an insight into the inner workings of the Court. Lia also has experience of appellate work, having undertaken a similar placement in the Court of Appeal before starting pupillage.

Before her placement at the Court of Appeal, Lia worked as a Research Assistant in the Commercial and Common Law team at the Law Commission. She also worked for three years at LawWorks, developing and managing a national pro bono advice project.

Consumer Credit and Consumer Contract

Lia is regularly instructed to advise and represent clients in matters involving the provisions of the Consumer Credit Act 1974, Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and the FCA Handbook. Her clients include most

major UK lenders as well as smaller lenders. She occasionally acts for borrowers.

Lia advises on non-contentious regulatory issues as well as in the context of contentious litigation. She is regularly instructed to draft pleadings and applications (e.g. to strike out, or for summary judgment), attend case management hearings, allocation hearings, application hearings and to conduct trials in consumer credit matters.

She has considerable experience defending claims under s.140A to 140C of the Consumer Credit Act 1974 and she has a detailed knowledge of the case law surrounding those provisions. She has experience of isolated claims and of groups of claims where multiple claimants are represented by the same firm of solicitors.

Having worked on various consumer projects during her time at the Law Commission, Lia has a detailed understanding of the Consumer Rights Act 2015 and the law on consumer protection more generally. She has used and developed that detailed understanding in practice and she is regularly instructed in a wide range of consumer claims brought against lenders under s.75 of the Consumer Credit Act 1974 as well as consumer contract disputes that do not involve a consumer credit element.

Lia's work in the fields of consumer credit and consumer contract often raises issues relating to the General Data Protection Regulation 2016/679 ("GDPR") and the Data Protection Act 2018 ("DPA"). Recently, she succeeded in defending a claim against a major UK lender for breach of the individual right of access under Art.15 of the GDPR. She is familiar with the provisions of the GDPR and the DPA and is well placed to assist clients with matters in which they are engaged.

Employment

Lia is regularly instructed in a range of employment matters in the ET, the EAT and in the civil courts. She acts on behalf of employers and employees.

Lia has considerable experience of advisory work, drafting and attending hearings (interim, final and appeal) in employment matters involving the following issues:

- Unfair/wrongful dismissal;
- Redundancy;
- Direct and indirect discrimination;
- Harassment;
- Victimisation;
- Reasonable adjustments;
- Equal pay;
- Unlawful deductions from wages;
- Working time;
- Restraint of trade;
- Professional discipline;
- TUPE; and
- Whistleblowing.

Lia has considerable trial experience which is particularly valuable to her clients in the employment context.

She has had recent success representing an employee in a four-day constructive unfair dismissal claim and representing an employer in a five-day discrimination claim. Her insight into the trial process also allows her to take a strategic view at the pre-action stage (e.g. when giving advice and drafting pleadings).

Lia gained considerable employment appellate experience during her time as a Judicial Assistant in the Court of Appeal. She has used and developed that experience in practice. She has had recent success in the EAT in an appeal concerning the approach to the question of mitigation of loss in an unfair dismissal claim.

Product Liability

Lia has experience in a range of claims arising out of defective products.

She was recently instructed as part of a team working on the UK claims that form part of a worldwide medical device group action.

She is also regularly instructed as sole counsel in isolated claims. The breadth of her experience (e.g. in personal injury and general consumer matters) is highly valued by clients in this context.

Health and Safety, and Personal Injury

Lia has considerable experience working as sole counsel in this area. She has experience of employer's liability claims, occupier's liability claims and road traffic collision claims. She also has experience of health and safety prosecutions against employers, directors and individuals, as well as clinical and professional negligence actions arising out of personal injury litigation.

She is equally comfortable working as part of a team on larger cases. She is currently instructed to act as part of a team in an international mass tort claim.

Lia also has experience of fatal accident claims under the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1934 and the Fatal Accidents Act 1976. She is regularly instructed to advise on quantum and to draft pleadings in such cases.

Commercial

Lia has experience of a range of commercial disputes. She is regularly instructed in cases arising out of contracts for the sale and hire of goods and for the provision of services.

She is currently instructed as sole counsel in a long-running dispute concerning a high-value contract for the supply of cleaning and security services across multiple sites.

Lia has also assisted on large and complex insurance, finance and pharmaceutical matters.

Administrative and Public Law

Lia has experience of judicial review challenges acting for both claimants and defendants. She is regularly instructed by local government in relation to funding, education and healthcare issues. She also has considerable experience of judicial review as a means of challenging the decision of an Ombudsman.

In addition, Lia has experience of public procurement, public inquiries and inquests.

Property

Lia has experience of residential and commercial landlord and tenant disputes, forfeiture proceedings, collective leasehold enfranchisement, leasehold extensions and a wide range of contractual disputes relating to property. She also has experience of nuisance, trespass and property-related professional negligence actions involving solicitors, surveyors and architects.

Insolvency

Lia has experience advising and representing clients in relation to bankruptcy, administration, liquidation and voluntary arrangements (individual and company).

Memberships

Employers Lawyers Association

Education

- Law with Accountancy BA (Hons), First
- BPTC, Very Competent
- Benefactors Scholar, Middle Temple