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Hannah has a broad commercial chancery practice spanning Maitland's core areas of expertise. She is an experienced advocate, appearing as sole advocate in applications, trials and appeals in the High Court and County Court. She is equally at home working as part of a team, and has been led in the Court of Appeal, Supreme Court, Privy Council, Commercial Court of the British Virgin Islands, and Court of Appeal of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court. Hannah's practice encompasses advice, drafting and advocacy at all stages of litigious disputes, and she is well versed in procedural matters.

Hannah is committee member of the Junior Chancery Bar Association. She volunteers with CLIPS (the Chancery Bar Association Litigant in Person Scheme) in the High Court Applications Court and accepts instructions from Advocate.

Key areas of work include:

Commercial and Contractual Disputes

Ranging from high value disputes with an international element, to lower value claims across a whole range of industries and businesses, Hannah's commercial practice covers issues such as:

- Incorporation of contractual terms, breach and termination of contracts
- Guarantees and indemnities
- Arbitration agreements
- Recognition of foreign judgments
- Limitation issues

Company and Partnership Disputes

Hannah acts and advises in a range of company and partnership disputes, including:

- Unfair prejudice petitions (including quasi-partnership situations)
- Breach of directors' duties
- Share sales, including purchase of own shares
- Company charges
- Restoration to the register

Insolvency

Hannah's insolvency practice encompasses corporate and individual insolvency matters such as:

- Winding up and bankruptcy petitions (including restraint of advertisement and/or presentation, rescission, and annulment)
- Applications to set aside statutory demands
- Validation orders
- Advice on the inter-relationship between the insolvency regime and property matters
- Preference, wrongful trading and misfeasance claims
- Applications under s.234 and 236 of the Insolvency Act 1986

Real Estate

Hannah has a substantial real estate practice including commercial and residential landlord and tenant matters. Recent work includes:

- Possession actions – landlord and tenant, trespassers and mortgage related
- Lease matters (including break notices, lease extensions, surrender, forfeiture, frustration, breach of covenants, lease/licence categorisation)
- Landlord and Tenant 1954 Act business tenancy renewals (including the date of termination of a tenancy under section 64 of the 1954 Act)
- Restrictive covenants
- Rights of way
- Nuisance
- Disputes as to the beneficial ownership of land

Trusts and Probate

Hannah's practice in these areas ranges from the creation of trusts, breach of trust, dishonest assistance, knowing receipt and trustee's duties, through to probate and Inheritance Act disputes. Hannah was recently led by David Mumford QC in a dispute concerning the scope of a trustee's duty to account to its beneficiaries.

Professional Negligence

Hannah's work in the professional negligence sphere has involved claims concerning allegations of negligence against solicitors and planning consultants.

Notable Cases

Goldtrail Travel Ltd (in liquidation) v Aydin: A claim based on allegations of breach of fiduciary duty and dishonest assistance. Multiple reported decisions, the most recent being before the Supreme Court in 2017, and concerning the circumstances in which owner's means should be taken into account when imposing financial conditions on a company. Hannah was led by Michael Gibbon QC.

Wilkinson v JS Property Holdings Inc (2016): Hannah represented the Second Defendant at first instance in a claim for a declaration that certain property was held on trust for the Claimants.

Mohammed Ghadami v Donegan (2014): Hannah represented the Respondent in an appeal against a decision dismissing an application to set aside a statutory demand.

A Armbrister, C Armbrister v Marion Lightbourn & Ors (2012): Hannah was led by Carolyn Walton in an appeal to the Privy Council concerning title to two areas of land in the Commonwealth of Bahamas.

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CHAMBERS

Hannah was called to the Bar in 2011. She read Jurisprudence: Law with Law Studies in Europe at Jesus College, Oxford, spending a year at Panthéon-Assas in Paris. Hannah completed her BPTC at Kaplan Law School as a Lord Denning scholar of Lincoln's Inn (attaining the "Best Student" prize) before being awarded a Megarry Scholarship from Lincoln's Inn for her pupillage year.

Hannah is a member of the Chancery Bar Association, Commercial Bar Association, Insolvency Lawyers Association and Property Bar Association.