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Overview

Rachel's expertise is in commercial litigation working primarily, but not exclusively, for owner managed businesses. She works mainly on contract disputes, including shareholder disputes and Commercial Agency claims. If legal proceedings are required Rachel works in the County and High Court including the Commercial Court, Queen's Bench and Chancery Divisions. She is also an advocate of dispute resolution by other means, such as mediation.

Expertise

- Contract disputes relating to the construction and interpretation of the terms, including in relation to IT contracts, supply of goods, supply of services and joint venture agreements
- Shareholder disputes
- Breach of fiduciary/directors duties
- Insolvency related disputes
- Post employment restrictive covenant disputes
- The Commercial Agents (Council Directive) Regulations 1983
- Advising companies on successful management of their own debt collection and small claims dispute work

Cases

- Advising in software supply disputes in relation to whether supply was in accordance with the contract terms and the functionality agreed.
- Advising upon claim for entitlement to shares where dispute as to whether preconditions met.
- Successfully representing a claimant in an Inheritance Act claim upon a substantial estate to secure capital sum for pension and income
- Representing sellers in an alleged breach of warranty claim to secure negotiated settlement.
- Advising upon dispute concerning the proper construction of a break clause in a commercial lease.

- Regular advice in corporate and commercial transactions upon the potential interpretation of terms then under negotiation.
- Numerous commercial agency disputes for claims relating to notice periods, termination by conduct, damages for breach of contract and also under the Regulations.
- Acting on a substantial commercial litigation concerning termination without notice of of a trading relationship, the dispute turning on the proper construction of the contract.
- Acting in high profile litigation between a well known art gallery and its landlord upon termination of a lease.
- Acting in proceedings brought against party for alleged illegal land investment schemes.

Career

2005	Keystone Law <i>Consultant Solicitor</i>
2002-2005	Taylors <i>Associate</i>
1998-2002	Eversheds <i>Associate</i>
1995-1998	Ralph C Yablon <i>Solicitor</i>
1992-1995	Meade King <i>Trainee Solicitor then Solicitor</i>
1994	Qualified as a Solicitor