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PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- Call, Lincoln's Inn (2010)
- Pupillage, One Brick Court (2010-2011)
- Tenant, One Brick Court (2011-)

QUALIFICATIONS AND AWARDS

- M.A. (Cantab) (First Class), Law, University of Cambridge (Churchill College) (2005-2008)
- Silverman Sherliker Award for Legal Excellence (2008)
- Churchill College Scholarship (2008)
- Lord Denning Scholarship (2009)
- Hardwicke Entrance Award (2009)
- Bar Vocational Course, BPP Law School (Outstanding) (2009-2010)
- Buchanan Prize, Lincoln's Inn (2010)
- Hubert Greenland Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn (2010)
- Pegasus Scholarship to New York (2012)

SPECIALISATION

Hannah has developed a successful practice encompassing all areas of media and information law, including:

- defamation;
- privacy and breach of confidence;
- data protection and freedom of information;
- harassment;
- contempt of court and reporting restrictions;
- media-related human rights law;
- media-related soft intellectual property and entertainment law;
- public relations/ non-contentious reputation management.

Hannah:

- is tipped as a "*rising star*" and listed as an "*up and coming*" defamation and privacy junior in Chambers and Partners;
- has developed an equally established reputation in the broader information law field, most notably in data protection;
- was first ranked as a "*leading junior*" in The Legal 500 in 2015;
- has acted for national media organisations, high-profile individuals, public bodies, charities and multinational corporations;
- has a particular interest in dealing with online issues and experience in representing prominent internet and technology clients such as Google UK Ltd, AOL (UK) Ltd, Twitter Inc. and TripAdvisor Ltd, as well as victims of 'cyber bullying';
- provides pre-publication advice to newspapers (including The Times and The Independent), magazines, book publishers and broadcasters;

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- has a strong advocacy record, with experience of trials, emergency privacy injunctions, harassment injunctions and reporting restriction applications;
- was awarded a Pegasus Scholarship to work at the New York offices of Levine Sullivan Koch & Schulz LLP in 2012, where she gained both a broad grounding in American media law and experience of considering cross-jurisdictional issues;
- previously worked in public relations for Fishburn Hedges, where her clients included Shell International, BT Group Plc and the UK Government's Department for Work and Pensions.

Highlights of the year 2016/ 2017 will include:

- a Supreme Court appearance in a landmark privacy case concerning the right of arrestees to remain anonymous until charge (PNM v Times Newspapers Ltd);
- a Court of Appeal appearance which will result in the first appellate guidance on the interpretation of the 'serious harm test' introduced by section 1 of the Defamation Act 2013 (Lachaux v AOL (UK) Ltd);
- acting for the largest group of Defendants against hundreds of claims brought in relation to the alleged blacklisting of construction workers (Various Claimants v Sir Robert McAlpine Limited & Ors).

RECOMMENDATIONS

"Up-and-coming barrister who is quickly establishing a reputation as a leading junior at the Defamation Bar."

"She's an exceptional junior; she's good at drafting, responsive and hard-working." "She is very impressive and gives excellent advice in conference and on paper. A rising star."

(Chambers and Partners 2017)

"Popular junior whose impressive and diverse practice has developed far beyond the expected level for her year of call. She has acted on behalf of a range of high-profile clients, including Trip Advisor, Total Jobs Group, the Times and the Sun."

"She's great; fantastic and willing to roll her sleeves up. She's very clever, but approachable and user-friendly." "She's very bright and gives good commercial advice."

(Chambers and Partners 2016)

"Has quickly become a rising star in the sector since her 2010 call, and has built up a substantial client base. Peers predict she will be a market-leading barrister in the future."

"She's marvellous, as she's careful and clear in her delivery."

(Chambers and Partners 2015)

"There is a confidence and maturity to her advice that is beyond her year of call."

"One Brick Court contains 'a very strong team' of 'always helpful' individuals. Andrew Caldecott QC and Hannah Ready were involved in the high-profile case concerning allegations of blacklisting in the construction industry."

(The Legal 500 2016)

"A confident and robust junior, and a strong team player."

(The Legal 500 2015)

REPRESENTATIVE CASES OF INTEREST

Defamation

- Various Claimants v Sir Robert McAlpine Limited & Ors (2014-2016)- for the largest group of Defendants, led by Andrew Caldecott QC, in this high-profile group litigation concerning the alleged blacklisting of construction workers. Claims were brought on

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behalf of hundreds of workers in defamation, breach of confidence, privacy, data protection and conspiracy.

- Lachaux v AOL (UK) Ltd [2015] EWHC 2242 (QB)- for AOL, led by Manuel Barca QC, in the first-of-its-kind trial of the preliminary issue of serious harm under section 1 of the Defamation Act 2013. Following this decision, AOL has been granted permission to appeal.
- Melvyn Cartwright v Dai Havard MP (2014)- for Member of Parliament Mr Havard in a successful application to strike out a defamation claim in the High Court in Cardiff.
- Lashkariani v The Mayor of the London Borough of Camden (2013)- for the Defendant council, on behalf of which an application was successfully made to strike out claims in defamation and pursuant to the Human Rights Act 1998.
- Hank Roberts v Times Newspapers Ltd (2013)- for Mr Roberts, the president of the Association of Teachers and Lecturers, in an action against The Sunday Times.
- Skylet Andrew v Laurence Bassini (2013)- for Mr Bassini, the ex-Watford Football Club chairman, in an action over an article published in the Watford Observer.
- Cairns v Modi [2012] EWCA Civ 1382- instructed to assist Andrew Caldecott QC in this successful appeal concerning the award of damages in libel actions, with specific responsibility for commonwealth legal research concerning 'the grapevine effect'.
- Bento v The Chief Constable of Bedfordshire Police [2012] EWHC 1525- for the Defendant police force (with Catrin Evans and led by Richard Rampton QC) in a libel action concerning a murder conviction and later acquittal.

Privacy/ data protection

- Rupert Bonham-Smith v Google UK Ltd (2016)- for Google UK in a successful application to strike out a claim brought on 'right to be forgotten' grounds.
- Henry Herbert Ltd v Google (UK) Ltd (2016)- instructed by Google UK in relation to an allegedly defamatory review of the Claimant's business posted on the 'Google My Business' platform.
- Various Claimants v Sir Robert McAlpine Limited & Ors (2014-2016)- for the largest group of Defendants, led by Andrew Caldecott QC, in this high-profile group litigation concerning the alleged blacklisting of construction workers.
- Secondment to the BBC in order to provide data protection advice (2015)- this followed the alleged disclosure of information by a researcher who had worked for an independent production team in relation to a BBC Panorama investigation into Lutfur Rahman, the Mayor of Tower Hamlets, London.
- PNM v Times Newspapers Ltd & Others [2013] EWHC 3177 and [2014] EWCA Civ 1132- for the Claimant (led by Manuel Barca QC) in an application for an interim non-disclosure order preventing the identity of PNM as an arrestee from being disclosed by The Times newspaper. PNM has been granted permission to appeal to the Supreme Court in what will be a landmark decision concerning English privacy law.
- Higgins v Totaljobs Group Ltd (2013)- successfully defended a claim brought on data protection grounds against Totaljobs Group Ltd, the UK's largest online recruitment company.

Third party disclosure

- Rightio Ltd v Twitter Inc. (2016)- for Twitter Inc. in relation to an application to disclose information concerning account holders alleged to have published defamatory Tweets.
- Todd v BBC (2014)- for the BBC in relation to an application to disclose information concerning an individual said to have posted a defamatory comment on the BBC News website.

Intellectual property

- WSTWD Ltd v Torn Pictures Limited (2016)- for the Defendant production company in relation to an intellectual property dispute concerning a film about the well-known Kray brothers.

- Ofoborey v Authorhouse UK Ltd (2012)- for self-publishing company Authorhouse UK Ltd in a successful application to strike out a claim in copyright.
- Robins v TripAdvisor Ltd (2011)- for TripAdvisor Ltd in relation to a trade mark infringement claim.

Commercial

- Enterprise Insurance Company Plc v Leeds United Football Club Ltd (2015)- instructed in relation to the defence of this breach of contract action brought by a club sponsor, led by Hugh Jory QC of Enterprise Chambers.

Inquiries/ inquests

- The Hillsborough inquests (2014)- assisted the BBC Litigation Department in relation to the release of footage for use at the inquests.
- The Pollard review into sexual allegations against Jimmy Savile (2013)- instructed as junior counsel by the BBC Litigation Department and the BBC Trust in order to advise on the release to the general public of those documents underlying the Pollard report.
- The Leveson inquiry into the culture, practices and ethics of the British press (2012)- drafted legal submissions on behalf of Associated Newspapers Ltd, Guardian News & Media Ltd and the Telegraph Media Group Ltd.

PUBLICATIONS

- Contributor to Arlidge Eady & Smith on Contempt (4th Edition, 1st and 2nd Supplements and forthcoming 5th Edition).
- Co-author of the 2014 reissue of Atkin's Court Forms on Defamation.