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Barrister
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Scope of Practice

• Civil Fraud • Commercial Litigation • Arbitration • Banking and Financial Services • Cryptocurrency • Restructuring / Insolvency

Overview

Katherine specialises in commercial litigation and international arbitration, with a particular interest in civil fraud, banking and finance and complex contractual disputes. She is a 'Rising Star' in Commercial Litigation (Legal 500, 2026) and has appeared in high-profile cases both in a team and as sole counsel. The directories praise her "*ability to distil complex legal issues into compelling arguments*" and "*client-focused approach*".

Recent instructions include:

- **The Pan-NOx Group Litigation**: *Various Claimants v Mercedes Benz Group and others* [2026] EWHC 1753 (KB). Katherine acted for Nissan, successfully defending allegations brought by c.100,000 claimants that Nissan vehicles contained prohibited defeat devices relating to emissions control technologies. Led by Stephen Auld KC, Anneli Howard KC and Michael Ryan KC.
- **Credit Suisse Virtuoso SICAV-SIF v Softbank** [2025] EWHC 2631 (Ch). Katherine appeared for Credit Suisse (instructed by Freshfields LLP) in its claim against SoftBank under s.423 of the Insolvency Act 1986 in respect of transactions entered into by Greensill in relation to the Fairymead Note Programme. One of The Lawyer's Top 20 cases of 2025. Led by Sonia Tolaney KC and Nehali Shah KC.
- **J&J Snack Foods Corp v Ralph Peters & Sons Ltd** [2025] EWHC 436 (Ch). Katherine acted for the successful Defendants in discharging a £20m freezing order and related imaging order obtained on an *ex parte* basis in respect of a claim for alleged trade mark infringement, passing off and unjust enrichment in respect of use of the Slush Puppie trade marks and signs. Led by David Cavender KC.
- **Various Claimants v Serco Group Plc** [2023] EWHC 119 (Ch). Katherine acted for investors (instructed by Morgan Lewis Bockius LLP) bringing claims under s.90A of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 for the publication of misleading information. One of The Lawyer's Top 20 Cases of 2024. Led by Andrew Onslow KC.
- **BNP Paribas Trust Corporation v Uro Property Holdings** Katherine acted for the Defendant to claims over £250 million allegedly due under a suite of financing documents. Led by Kenneth MacLean KC and James MacDonald KC.
- **Pearson & Ors v Harpin** [2023] EWHC 3274 (KB). Katherine appeared as sole counsel to defend claims for a worldwide freezing order and declaratory relief.
- **NMC Healthcare v Dubai Islamic Bank** [2023] ADGMCFI 0017 and ADGMCFI 0020. Katherine acting for Dubai Islamic Bank in a $400m Islamic financing dispute in the Abu Dhabi Global Markets Court arising from

the NMC Healthcare fraud. Led by Ewan McQuater KC and David Quest KC.

Katherine holds a first class degree from Jesus College, Cambridge and received a number of academic scholarships and awards for academic performance. After leaving Cambridge, Katherine converted to law at City, University of London, where she was invited back as a Visiting Lecturer to teach public law and received top scholarships from Gray's Inn.

Examples of Recent Cases

Civil Fraud

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- **Pre-action Anon.** Katherine advised a major litigation funder concerning a potential group action under s.90A FSMA. Led by Michael Fealy KC.
- **Pearson & Ors v Harpin** [2023] EWHC 3274 (KB) Katherine appeared as sole counsel in High Court proceedings to successfully to defend claims for a worldwide freezing order and declaratory relief.
- **Various Claimants v G4S Ltd** (formerly G4S Plc), Commercial Court (2023) Katherine acted for investors bringing claims under s. 90A of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 for the publication of misleading information. Led by Andrew Onslow KC.
- **IS Prime Limited v TF Global Markets UK Ltd** [2022] EWHC 609 (Comm). Acting for the Defendant in a dispute concerning matched principal brokerage services and claims in contract, deceit, misrepresentation and conspiracy. Led by Farhaz Khan KC.

Commercial Litigation and Arbitration

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- **Google UK Limited** Katherine acted as sole counsel advising Google UK Limited in relation to various claims for loss arising from the use of YouTube. Instructed by RPC.
- **BNP Paribas Trust Corporation v Uro Property Holdings** Katherine acted for the Defendant to claims over £250 million allegedly due under a suite of financing documents. Led by Kenneth MacLean KC and James MacDonald KC.

- **GAFTA Arbitration** (2024) Katherine acted as sole counsel in arbitration and GAFTA appeal proceedings to defend against a $2.6m claim for damages for breach of a sale and purchase agreement with a counterclaim for restitution.
- **NMC Healthcare v Dubai Islamic Bank** [2023] ADGMCFI 0017 and ADGMCFI 0020. Katherine acted for Dubai Islamic Bank in a $400m Islamic financing dispute in the Abu Dhabi Global Markets Court arising from the NMC Healthcare fraud. Led by Ewan McQuater KC and David Quest KC.
- **ICC Arbitration** (2022) – Katherine successfully represented a leading Central European food manufacturer in £37m breach of tax warranty claim under share purchase agreement. Led by Will Day.
- **Arbitration Secretary to Christopher Harris KC** (2022) - Assisted Christopher Harris KC as Secretary to the Tribunal in a Zurich-seated arbitration under the Swiss Rules and applying Swiss law.

Banking and Financial Services

- Advised on sanctions and issues of contractual estoppel in claims for substantial loan sums due against two high-net-worth Swiss individuals. Led by James MacDonald KC.
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- **LCIA Arbitration** (2022-2024) – Katherine acted for two leading Middle Eastern banks in a $500m dispute concerning security arrangements for sharia-compliant financings. Led by Ewan McQuater KC and David Quest KC.
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Cryptoassets

- **Anon** Acting for investors bringing claims to recover sums subject to a cryptoasset fraud. Led by Chloe Bell.
- Advising on a series of disputes relating to the issue of a cryptocurrency, including allegations of fraudulent misrepresentation (LCIA Rules; as a pupil with Ali Malek KC and Chris Bond).

Insolvency and Restructuring

- **Credit Suisse Virtuoso SICAV-SIF v Softbank** [2025] EWHC 2631 (Ch). Katherine appeared for Credit Suisse (instructed by Freshfields LLP) in its claim against SoftBank under s.423 of the Insolvency Act 1986 in respect of transactions entered into by Greensill in relation to the Fairymead Note Programme. One of The Lawyer's Top 20 cases of 2025. Led by Sonia Tolaney KC and Nehali Shah KC.
- **Re: OVH PC Ltd** Successfully opposed winding up petitions in respect of OVH PC Ltd.

What the Directories Say

"Katherine has a consistent ability to distil complex legal issues into compelling arguments. She is also notably responsive and collaborative, earning trust quickly through her thoughtful communication and client-focused approach."

Legal 500 2026 – Commercial Litigation, Rising Star

Awards

- Prince of Wales Scholarship, Gray's Inn, 2020
- Anne Ebsworth Scholarship, Gray's Inn, 2018
- Academic Scholarship, Jesus College, Cambridge, 2018
- Academic Scholarship, Jesus College, Cambridge, 2017

Awards

Chambers TOP RANKED UK Bar 2026 One Essex Court

RISING STAR Legal500 UNITED KINGDOM 2026

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