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## Lily Church

### Call: 2022

Lily accepts instructions in Chambers' core areas of practice including company law, restructuring and insolvency, offshore litigation, commercial litigation and arbitration.

During pupillage Lily assisted with a variety of matters, including both corporate advisory work and litigation. Notable work included providing assistance with *ClientEarth v Shell Plc* [2023] EWHC 1897 (Ch), concerning an application for permission to continue a derivative claim. Lily also provided research support in the Carillion directors disqualification proceedings in advance of the pre-trial review hearing and in the case of *ENRC v Dechert* [2023] EWHC 3280 during the causation and loss phase of trial.

Upon obtaining tenancy Lily undertook a three-month secondment in the Financial Institutions Disputes Group at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer where she worked on a variety of matters including:

- Appearing unled in Court for the joint liquidators of the former Arcadia Group in a successful application concerning the payment of distributions in the liquidation.
- Advising a Bermudan segregated accounts company in the context of a winding up petition, gaining experience in the global insurance and reinsurance industries.
- Advising the joint liquidators of two Russian-owned and sanctioned entities operating in the aviation industry.
- Drafting all documentation in advance of the convening hearing of a proposed creditors scheme of arrangement, concerning a leading German telecommunications company.
- Drafting a statement of defence in an arbitration governed by the Rules of the International Chamber of Commerce.

Lily completed a further three-month secondment in the corporate/M&A department at Slaughter and May.

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During her secondment, she advised on the negotiation and signing of a public M&A deal and assisted in connection with the Competition and Markets Authority's first investigation into 'greenwashing' with environmental claims brought against ASDA, Boohoo and ASOS. Lily also provided a broad range of corporate advice including in the areas of company distributions, audit and disclosure requirements and share class structures.

Prior to pupillage, Lily spent time in Australia working as a research assistant to barristers in Sydney and Melbourne on two supreme court matters.

Lily studied on the Masters of Corporate Law programme at Cambridge University where she obtained a First Class postgraduate degree and ranked second in her year, winning several university prizes. During her time at Cambridge, Lily was the resident Richard Sykes QC Scholar at Pembroke College.

Lily obtained a First Class undergraduate law degree at the University of Durham and a Distinction in the Bar Course at the Inns of Court College of Advocacy, ranking third in her cohort. Lily was also the recipient of an Inner Temple Major Scholarship, Duke of Edinburgh Award and COMBAR Scholarship

## Arbitration

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Lily has successfully obtained a Certificate in International Arbitration accredited by the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb).

She is proficient in all aspects of the arbitral process and has experience acting in several arbitrations under both the UNCITRAL and ICC rules

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- ICC Arbitration (London seat) involving a multi-party investor dispute relating to share rights. Involvement included drafting of the statement of defence.
- UNCITRAL Arbitration (London seat) involving a banking dispute and relating to entitlement to the payment of a dividend. Involvement included drafting the response to notice of arbitration.
- UNCITRAL Arbitration (London seat) involving a disputed M&A transaction and claim under the warranties of a share

## Education & Awards

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### Education

BTC – Inns of Court College of Advocacy (Distinction – Ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in the year).

Masters of Corporate Law (MCL) – University of Cambridge (First Class – Ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in the year).

LLB Law – Durham University (First Class).

### Prizes and Awards

Major Scholarship, Inner Temple (Top 20 of c.450 applicants).

Duke of Edinburgh Award, Inner Temple.

Richard Sykes QC Scholarship, University of Cambridge.

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The Foundress Prize, University of Cambridge.

The Foundation Award, University of Cambridge.

Academic Honours List, Durham Law School.

Future Queens Council of the Year Award, Durham Law School.

COMBAR Scholarship.

Inner Temple PASS Scholarship.

Advocate of the Year Winner 2018, BPP Leeds.