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## Olivia Tolson

Call: 2023

Olivia accepts instructions in the areas of company, insolvency and commercial law on both advisory and contentious matters.

In 2024, Olivia undertook a 3-month secondment to Slaughter and May's corporate/M&A department. She was involved in advising on a range of corporate matters and also gained transactional experience.

Prior to joining Chambers, Olivia worked as a Judicial Assistant to Mr Justice Calver in the Commercial Court and to Mr Justice Fancourt in the Chancery Division. In that role, she assisted with *Suppipat & Ors v Narongdej & Ors* [2023] EWHC 1988 (Comm), one of The Lawyer's "Top 20 Cases of 2022", and *The Duke of Sussex & Ors v MGN Limited* [2023] EWHC 3217 (Ch), part of the Mirror Newspapers Hacking Litigation.

Additionally, Olivia was the editor of a legal research project at University College London.

Olivia holds a first-class Law Degree from the University of Cambridge and an LLM, with a specialism in Corporate and Commercial Law, from the London School of Economics, in which she achieved a Distinction. She came first in her year on the Bar Course at City, University of London.

### Corporate

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During a 3-month secondment to Slaughter and May's corporate/M&A department, Olivia was involved in a variety of matters with highlights including:

- Advising on the application of the financial assistance rules to a proposed takeover by a public company
- Advising a registered society in relation to the conduct of its affairs
- Providing a broad range of contractual advice in relation to agreements involving international companies in the financial services and telecommunications sectors
- Assisting with a matter concerning the compatibility of an LLP agreement with regulatory requirements
- Assisting with a public company's board effectiveness review

### Litigation

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As a Judicial Assistant, Olivia worked on two high profile trials in the Commercial Court and Chancery Division, namely:

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- *Suppipat & Ors v Narongdej & Ors* [2023] EWHC 1988 (Comm) (as judicial assistant to Mr Justice Calver) - a US \$2 billion multi-party fraud claim concerning the sale of Thailand's largest wind energy company. This case was one of The Lawyer's "Top 20 Cases of 2022" and involved a 20-week trial.
- *The Duke of Sussex & Ors v MGN Limited* [2023] EWHC 3217 (Ch) (as judicial assistant to Mr Justice Fancourt) – part of the fourth wave of the Mirror Newspapers Hacking Litigation, this case concerned four test claims against MGN Limited for alleged misuse of private information.

## Education and Awards

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- City, University of London, Bar Vocational Studies Course - Distinction (first in year) (2021-2022)
- The London School of Economics, LLM with Corporate and Commercial Law specialism - Distinction (2019-2020)
- The University of Cambridge, Robinson College, BA Hons Law - First Class (2016-2019)

## Prizes and scholarships

Bar course:

- City, University of London, Senior Scarman Prize for the highest overall result on the Bar Vocational Studies programme (2022)
- City, University of London, Bar Vocational Studies Scholarship (2021)
- Lincoln's Inn, Lord Denning Scholarship (a Major Scholarship) (2021)

University:

- Letter of Commendation from the Chair of Examiners of Part II of the Law Tripos at Cambridge University for the highest first in the Crime and Criminal Justice seminar paper (2019)
- Robinson College Scholarship and College Prize for first class result (2019)
- Nicola Blakeman Memorial Prize for joint-top performance in Robinson College in Part 1A of the Law Tripos (2017)
- Robinson College Mooting Cup (2017)

## Memberships

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