

Anja Lansbergen-Mills

Call 2014



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Appointments

- Member of the Civil Procedure Rule Committee (appointed from 12 October 2018 for 3 years)
- Junior Counsel to the Crown by the Attorney General (Regional Civil Panel C)

Memberships

- Northern Circuit Commercial Bar Association
- Northern Chancery Bar Association

Education

- BPTC, Manchester Metropolitan University (2014) (Outstanding)
- Baron Dr Ver Heyden De Lancey Prize, Middle Temple (2015)
- Certificate of Honour, Middle Temple (2014)
- Queen Mother's Scholarship (Middle Temple Major Scholarship) (2013)
- PhD, University of Edinburgh (2013)
- Collaborative Doctoral Award, Arts and Humanities Research Council (2008)
- LLM, University of Edinburgh (2008)

Overview

Anja was called to the Bar in 2014 after completing a PhD at the University of Edinburgh School of Law. She has a commercial / chancery practice that includes insolvency (corporate and personal), contract, tort, housing, property and trusts. Across those areas Anja undertakes a range of court work including:

- applications in the Chancery Applications list (e.g. responding to an application to rescind a winding up order, responding to an application for a mandatory interim injunction)
- half- and full-day insolvency applications in the County Court and High Court (e.g. responding to an application to set aside statutory demand in the County Court, advancing a contested application for an administration order in the High Court)
- interim hearings in the County Court and High Court (e.g. a CCMC in £7.5 million claim in the TCC in London)
- fast track and multi-track trial work (e.g. a three-day trial defending a claim for declaration of trust over a residential property).

Anja has been led by Mark Cawson QC acting on behalf of the liquidators of a company previously trading in the supply of fuel bunkers for vessels, defending a claim for a declaratory relief as to whether circa USD \$40million of receivables fell within the scope of security given to a bank. She has also been led by David Mohyuddin QC to advise on the merits of a prospective claim in breach of confidence arising from an aborted share purchase transaction, and by Stephen Connolly to advise on a prospective claim arising from exclusion of tender for local authority transport contracts.

Anja is considered thorough in her preparation, and a confident committed advocate who uses intellectual rigour with commercial understanding to find a route through complex legal issues.

(Distinction)

- James Madison Scholarship (2007)
- BA (Hons), Wadham College, University of Oxford (2007)
- Erasmus year spent at the University of Bonn, 2005 – 2006
- Wadham College Scholarship for Academic Achievement (2003 – 2007)
- Sarah Lawrence Scholarship (2004)

In October 2018 Anja was appointed by the Lord Chancellor as a barrister member of the Civil Procedure Rule Committee. The Committee is a non-departmental public body which makes rules of court for the Civil Division of the Court of Appeal, the High Court and the County Court.

Anja has been appointed Junior Counsel to the Crown by the Attorney General (Regional Civil Panel C) for a five-year term commencing 1 March 2021.

Recommendations

“Anja is very technical, and both her advocacy and drafting skills are excellent.”

“Anja is fantastic on her feet. She is always incredibly well prepared.”

“Anja is a fearless fighter in court.”
Chambers and Partners 2024

“Anja is thorough and always incredibly well-prepared, meaning you can always rely on her to know her brief inside out. Her preparation feeds into her advocacy, and she is smart on her feet, always armed with answers to potentially difficult questions, and is very effective as a result.”

The Legal 500 2024

“Anja is very commercial and very pragmatic. She cuts through complex legal issues.”

“Anja is very thorough, proactive and measured.”

“She is very hard-working and articulate.”

Chambers and Partners 2023

‘Impressive approach, thinks outside the box and really considers client requirements and aims. Really easy to work with and presents well before clients.’

The Legal 500 2023

“She is a safe pair of hands and always goes the extra mile to make sure her advice is spot on and we have everything we need.”

“Anja is very commercial and she can focus on what we’re trying to achieve for the client, cutting out all the noise and making my life easier. She is focused on results rather than getting embroiled in spats with other parties.”

Chambers and Partners 2022

“She is one of those people who comes across as being really reasonable in her approach.” “Very polished and approachable, and very good with clients.”

Chambers and Partners 2020

Publications

- ‘Prisoner Disenfranchisement in the United Kingdom and the Scope of EU Law’ (2014) 10(1) European Constitutional Law Review 126
- ‘Recent CJEU decisions on European Citizenship: A case-study in judicial activism’ (2012) Federal Trust Policy Brief
- ‘European Citizenship Rights in Internal Situations: An Ambiguous Revolution?’ (Co- authored with N Miller) (2011) 7(2) European Constitutional Law Review 287
- ‘National Membership Models in a Multi-Level Europe’ (Co-authored with J Shaw) (2010) 8(1) International Journal of Constitutional Law 50
- ‘Metock, Implementation of the Citizens’ Rights Directive and Lessons for EU Citizenship’ (2009) 31(3) Journal of Social Welfare and Family Law 285
- ‘Testing the Limits of European Citizenship’ (2009) Federal Trust Policy Brief

Beyond the Bar

Whilst studying for her PhD Anja was employed by the University of Edinburgh as a research fellow on EUDO Citizenship, a large-scale European Commission funded project. She has occupied a number of other research roles whilst at the University and has taught EU Law to both undergraduate and masters students.

Whilst living in Germany Anja completed an internship at the United Nations Volunteering Service. She has worked for a period at a Michelin-starred restaurant in Edinburgh and continues to be an avid ‘foodie’. Anja assisted with the Girl Guiding Association for over four years, both in Edinburgh and upon her return to her native Manchester.