



Aparajita Arya

Year of Call: 2021

Aparajita welcomes instructions in all of Chambers' core practice areas, including tax, employment, commercial litigation, insurance, and personal injury.

Before coming to the Bar, she was a Research Assistant at the Law Commission of England and Wales. She was involved in the drafting of the Electronic Trade Documents Act 2023, and worked on projects concerning Digital Assets, Smart Contracts, Conflict of Laws, and The Arbitration Act 1996. Alongside Sir Nicholas Green and Professor Sarah Green, she prepared and conducted a workshop on disputes involving smart contracts for the judiciary, including judges of the Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court.

She also previously tutored tort and EU law at Regent's Park College, University of Oxford.

Aparajita has had multiple stints with technology and policy organisations, including the University of Oxford's Deep Tech Dispute Resolution Lab, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Media Lab, and the Government of India's NITI Aayog. She was also engaged with India's Ministry of Corporate Affairs as an Associate Fellow at the Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy, focusing on India's corporate law and disclosure standards.

Tax

Aparajita welcomes instructions on behalf of both taxpayers and government, for litigation and advisory work. As pupil to Marika Lemos, she gained experience in all aspects of direct and indirect tax, in both contentious and non-contentious contexts.

She assisted on matters concerning loss relief in corporation tax, taxation of LLP profits, tax affairs of high-net-worth individuals, SDLT & contractor loan schemes, transfer of assets abroad, sideways loss relief, failure to correct penalties, VAT, and judicial review of HMRC decisions (particularly on the exercise of s.684(7A) ITEPA 2003 discretion).

Some key matters she assisted with and gained exposure to include the Court of Appeal decision in *HMRC v Wilkes*, and cases involving a Forbes' World's Top Management Consulting Firm, and a Fortune Global 500 company.

Employment

Aparajita welcomes instructions on behalf of employer and employees, for both litigation and advisory work.

As pupil to Talia Barsam, she gained extensive experience in high value discrimination, unfair dismissal, breach of contract, and complex pay disputes. She provided assistance on drafting particulars of claims, grounds of resistance, skeleton arguments, and research notes in matters involving multinational corporations in the technology, airline, entertainment, finance, and oil and gas sectors. She assisted on *M Ithia v MUFG Securities EMEA plc*, and provided research and drafting assistance to several members of chambers with skeleton arguments for preliminary hearings dealing with strike out, deposit orders, and time limits.

Personal Injury

Aparajita welcomes instructions in personal injury and clinical negligence work.

As pupil to Jonathan Butters, Aparajita was exposed to all aspects of personal injury law, in both litigation and advisory contexts. She gained experience in catastrophic injury, road traffic accident, clinical negligence, and employer's liability matters, for which she did a range of work from drafting particulars of claims and schedules of loss, to writing advice.

Notably, Aparajita provided assistance to Rob Weir KC in three UK Supreme Court appeals: *Griffiths v TUI* (on uncontroverted expert evidence), *McCulloch v Forth Valley Health Board* (on doctors' duties to discuss alternative treatment with patients), and *Paul v Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust* (on secondary victim claims for psychiatric injuries).

Education

BA, English Literature, Lady Shri Ram College for Women – First, graduated top of class

LLB, University of Edinburgh – Distinction

BCL, Trinity College, University of Oxford – Distinction

BTC, BPP London – Very competent

Lord Denning Scholarship, Lord Brougham Scholarship, and Accommodation Award (Lincoln's Inn)