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## Practice Summary

Camilla's practice encompasses a broad range of real property and landlord and tenant-related advice, litigation and ADR.

Real property matters in which she acts include conveyancing and development contracts, adverse possession, land registration, rights of way and other easements, restrictive covenants and mortgages.

Camilla's caseload regularly includes landlord and tenant disputes concerning construction and enforcement of covenants, consents, forfeiture, disrepair and lease renewals under the 1954 Act.

She handles a broad range of property-related insolvency work, acting for and against insolvency practitioners, lenders, landlords, tenants and HMRC.

Camilla has extensive experience in professional liability. She has acted for both lenders and borrowers in claims against solicitors, valuers and other professionals in relation to defective or overvalued property and development schemes. She has also acted for defendant surveyors.

Camilla is on the Attorney-General's C Panel of Counsel. She has been involved in the development of the recently published draft Land Registration (Amendment) Bill.

- [Education](#)

- BA (Hons), (First Class) Exeter University (Classics with Arabic; two Dean's Commendations and the Bertie Black Prize)
- MA (Distinction), Exeter University.
- Professional
  - Called 2008
  - GDL, College of Law
  - Winner of the Lincoln's Inn Moot Hardwicke, Wolfson and accommodation scholarships, Lincoln's Inn.
- Recent Cases
  - **Neil v Henderson** [2018] EWHC 90 (Ch) - Contempt of court - deployment of forged documents in court proceedings amounted to contempt of court, but service of forged documents did not in itself constitute an act of contempt.
  - **Greenridge Luton One Ltd v Kempton Investments Ltd** [2016] EWHC 91 Led by Mark Warwick QC. Concerned misrepresentation inducing a contract for the sale of offices. Purchasers sought the return of their deposit together with damages arising out of the rescission of the sale contract.
  - **Sugarman v CJS Investments Ltd** [2015] 1 BCLC 1 Led by Mark Warwick QC. Concerned construction of articles of association of a management company and whether the provisions thereof granted one vote per member or one vote per share.
  - **Les Ambassadeurs v Parvizi** (Ch Div) (2014) Led by Romie Tager QC. Cheque claim for £200,000 and counterclaim for £10 million in breach of contract, misrepresentation and conspiracy.
  - **Al-Baho v Meerza** [2014] EWCA Civ 669 Acted for the respondent in an appeal against a suspended committal sentence.
  - **Lawrence House Management Company (City Road) Limited & Ors v Zagora Management Limited** (Manchester TCC) (2014) Led by Mark Warwick QC. Concerned entitlement of dissolved management company to manage development of 104 flats upon its restoration. Raised issues in relation to construction of tripartite leases, estoppel and derogation from grant. Committal proceedings also arose in the course of the litigation, in relation to alleged breaches of injunctions by the defendants.
  - **Feldspar Holdings v Norashikin Bin Amin** (Ch Div) (2014) Claim to beneficial ownership of valuable residential property following promise made by a deceased sibling.
  - **Goldstein & Ors v Hunt & Ors** (Ch Div) (2013) Application on behalf of defendant director to release a valuable motor vehicle from ambit of a freezing order obtained by liquidator in circumstances where a proprietary claim was asserted over the asset, and funds were required to fund the defence of his misfeasance trial.
  - **Kubba v Lucaszewicz** (2012) CLCC (HHJ Faber) Appeal on the issue of whether an assured shorthold tenancy could be created where rent was for money's worth (labour).
  - **WH Smith & Ors v Thompson** REF/2012/0252 Acted for the applicants in a prescriptive easement dispute. Concerned statutory interruptions.
  - **Abbas v Din** (2011) Trial of preliminary issues arising from landlord's opposition to tenant's claim for a new tenancy under ss30(1)(a) and (g) Landlord and Tenant Act 1954. Concerned bona fides of the landlord's intention to occupy premises and relevant evidential threshold.
  - **Ghaus v (1) Gateway Homes UK Ltd (2) Clydesdale Bank Plc t/a Yorkshire Bank** RES/2010/1096/1098 Represented the bank in an application for rectification of the register following a fraudulent transfer of freehold property, over which the bank held a charge. Established that the relevant date for 'proprietor in possession protection' under Schedule 4 LRA is the date of entry of the application for rectification into the day list.
  - **Barclays Bank Plc v Dzwonkowska** REC/2011/0009 Acted on behalf of the applicant bank in a claim for rectification of a contract for the sale of land and a TR2, on the basis of mistake. Required subpoena of a conveyancing solicitor.
  - **A v B** (Fam Div) Claim for 50% interest in £4m property arising from constructive trust / proprietary estoppel

- o **M v N** (Fam Div) Concerned express deed of trust, and whether subsequent proprietary estoppel arose.

## Published Comments

Known for her diverse property practice, she has made a name for herself with her impressive advocacy and advisory work. She regularly appears in the High Court and is noted for her focus on cases concerning freehold covenants, the Rent Act and insolvency. She is also experienced in handling land registration matters and disputes under the Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act 1996. Her impressive practice has seen her acting unled against silks on numerous occasions. Strengths: "Very switched-on and easy to work with." "Extremely bright, capable and a very nice personality to work with." "She is good at thinking on her feet and clients like her." *Chambers and Partners UK Guide 2020 (Real Estate Litigation)*

"Extremely charming, measured with phenomenal attention to detail. She is great at getting into the complex detail of a case." *Legal 500 2020*

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"Her advocacy is slick, flawless, strong and persuasive." *Legal 500 2018 (Property Litigation)*

"Great on her feet." *Legal 500 2018 (Professional Negligence)*

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"An excellent junior, who is more than prepared to go to lengths to fight the client's case." *Legal 500 2017 (Property Litigation)*

"A tough and tenacious advocate, who always fights her corner." *Legal 500 2017 (Professional Negligence)*

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"Advises on matters across the entire property space. She is particularly highly regarded for her expertise in landlord and tenant related matters. Strengths: 'She has got it all, the full skillset and

she is an incredibly tenacious advocate' Recent work: Acted on the dispute between three parties over entitlement to manage a block of flats in Manchester" *Chambers UK Guide 2016 (Real Estate Litigation)*

"A strong property law generalist who has recognised expertise in professional negligence issues, particularly those relating to mortgages. Strengths: 'She is extremely conscientious and very strong tactically'. 'She is helpful, grasps issues very quickly and gives solid advice'. Recent Work: Acted on behalf of a tenant in a dispute regarding a compulsory purchase order, which was successfully settled before trial." *Chambers UK Guide 2015 (Real Estate Litigation)*

"A noted junior highlighted by clients and peers as one to watch, she has experience of acting across the range of real estate disputes, with a focus on professional negligence related claims. She has made several High Court and county court appearances. Expertise: 'She is outstanding and very sharp' Recent work: She has advised Network Rail as landlord subsequent to an insolvent occupier's unlawful lease assignment on the potential merits and disadvantages of forfeiture" *Chambers UK Guide 2014 (Real Estate Litigation)*