

# Kate Annand



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### Profile

Kate specialises in employment and discrimination law, and international and European human rights law.

# What the directories say

"Kate instils confidence in clients with her meticulous preparation, ability to get on top of complex issues, and excellent advocacy." - Chambers and Partners 2023

'An exceptionally efficient, conscientious and reliable barrister, for whom nothing is too much trouble. Kate is a calm and reassuring presence, who has fantastic client-care skills and an impressive knowledge of the gamut of employment law issues. Highly recommended for discrimination claims." - Legal 500 2023

"She is a superb all-rounder: clients just love her, her written work is excellent and she makes great presentations in court - she is exactly the type of barrister you want on your side." - Chambers and Partners 2022

"Kate is really thorough. She is able to spot and resolve tricky legal issues that others may miss. She is thoroughly pleasant and professional to be against - a real asset to the

# **Employment and Discrimination**

Kate regularly appears in the Employment Tribunal and Employment Appeal Tribunal. She has particular expertise in discrimination law and considerable experience of high value claims.

Kate is currently instructed as junior counsel in a complex long running group litigation in the High Court.

Kate's recent reported cases include *Alipourbabaie v Dyson* (2020), *East London NHS Foundation Trust v O'Connor* (2019) and *Bowler v Chief Constable of Kent Police*, where the Claimant was awarded damages, including aggravated damages, for claims of direct race discrimination and victimisation. She was junior counsel to Henrietta Hill QC in respect of the first appeal (*Chief Constable of Kent Constabulary v Mr A Bowler Appeal No. UKEAT/0214/16/RN*), and sole counsel for the Claimant for the second appeal, in which the Chief Constable was unsuccessful (*Chief Constable of Kent Constable V Mr A Bowler Appeal No. UKEAT/0308/17/LA*).

Kate has a particular interest in claims of perceived disability discrimination, having represented one of the first claimants to succeed with this type of claim: *Fortt v Chief Constable of South Wales Police*.

# **International Law**

Kate was led by Edward Fitzgerald QC in *Mangouras v Kingdom of Spain* before the Grand Chamber of the European Court of Human Rights. The application challenged the decision of the Spanish Government to set a bail security at 3 million Euros as a breach of Article 5(3) of the European Convention. Kate and Edward Fitzgerald QC continue to represent Mr Mangouras regarding his rights to a fair trial.

Kate was junior counsel in the case of *M.S. v United Kingdom* (Application no. 24527/08), where the European Court of Human Rights unanimously held that the detention of a mentally ill man in a police cell for over three days violated his rights under Article 3.

After joining Doughty Street, Kate was awarded a Pegasus Scholarship by the Inns of Court. She worked for a three months period at the National Security Project and Human Rights Department of the American Civil Liberties Union in New York.

#### Education

LLB

MA International Peace and Security,

Middle Temple Diplock Scholar

Pegasus Scholar

### **Related practice areas**

Employment, Discrimination and Equality Law