

## Jessica Powers

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### Profile

Jessica is a member of Five Paper's Commercial Team, and specialises in Commercial Law and Insolvency Law. She regularly appears in the High Court and County Court, and undertakes pleading and advisory work. She is confident in conducting cases from the first pre-action advice through to final trial as sole counsel, whilst throughout maintaining a pragmatic and commercial approach to litigation.

In 2016, Jessica gained invaluable experience and insight whilst seconded to a boutique commercial and insolvency firm.

Jessica was appointed to the Attorney-General's C Panel of Junior Counsel to the Crown in 2017, with her appointment commencing on 28 February 2017. She has SC clearance.

### Description of Practice

#### Contract

Jessica has acted in numerous commercial disputes concerning the sale of goods and supply of services, including building disputes. She has particular experience and knowledge of agency law, and consumer protection legislation.

#### Banking and finance

Jessica is instructed by both lenders and individuals. She has advisory and advocacy experience of claims arising out of guarantees, debentures, mortgages, and factoring and invoice discounting arrangements.

#### Insolvency

Jessica accepts instructions from creditors, debtors and companies, and office holders in all areas of corporate and personal insolvency. She is regularly instructed on winding-up petitions and bankruptcy petitions in the High Court and County Court.

She has also acted in corporate insolvency matters involving:

- Administration, including the extension of the appointment of administrators and

advice on consenting to the institution of legal process

- Antecedent recoveries, including misfeasance and avoidance of floating charges
- Post-petition dispositions and validation orders
- Directors' disqualification

In the context of personal insolvency, Jessica has experience of:

- Setting aside statutory demands
- Annulment
- Orders for possession and sale
- Disclaimer of property and vesting orders

### Property

Jessica has appeared and advised in matters involving issues of:

- Trusts of land and co-ownership
- Land registration and priorities
- Forfeiture

### Company and partnership

Jessica has been instructed in company and partnership matters, including an action for an account by the personal representative of a deceased partner. Jessica is particularly able to assist in matters of company law which overlap with corporate insolvency issues, such as directors' duties.

### Public Access

Jessica is happy to accept instructions directly from companies and members of the public through Public Access.

### Reported Cases

*[D&G Cars Ltd v Essex Police Authority](#)* [2015] EWHC 226 (QB) (led by Graham Platford)  
Acting on behalf of the Claimant company in an action against the police for breach of contract and breach of the Public Contracts Regulations 2006.

*[Cuthbertson v MacIntyre Care](#)* [2013] EqLR 1139  
Successfully acting on behalf of the Claimant in an indirect discrimination claim.

### Publications

Atkins Court Forms – together with Simon Mills, Jessica is currently updating the Sale and Supply of Goods and Services Volume

Westlaw Insight – Jessica has contributed articles relating to estate agents, specifically relating to the taking of commission and holding of deposits

Estates Gazette – Jessica has written a number of articles for Estates Gazette on the subjects of consumer rights, and estate agents

### Qualifications

- BPTC (Very Competent), Kaplan Law School, 2012
- GDL (Pass with Distinction), Kaplan Law School, 2011
- English and Related Literature BA (Hons) (First Class), University of York, 2010

### Scholarships and Prizes

Inner Temple Major Scholarship, 2011  
Kaplan Law School BPTC Advocacy Scholarship, 2011  
Inner Temple Exhibition Award, 2010  
Kaplan Law School GDL Scholarship, 2010

### Professional Memberships

Commercial Bar Association (Combar)  
The London Common Law & Commercial Bar Association (LCLCBA)