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Overview

Janet Keeley is a partner in the Dispute Resolution department at Fladgate.

Janet specialises in resolving civil disputes, with an emphasis on complex matters particularly related to real estate.

She has considerable experience in a wide range of areas including joint ventures and shareholders or partnerships and other business structures, as well as complex contractual disputes.

Janet is also involved in high value trust and inheritance disputes, often with an offshore element.

Janet acts for clients ranging from large scale investors to individuals with a “one-off” claim.

She is a member of the Property Litigation Association and the Association of Women in Property. Her expertise has been recognised in Chambers UK and Legal 500 in which she is noted as “*analytical, thorough and very robust*”.

Janet read law at Bristol University and qualified as a solicitor in 1984. She has been a partner in the firm since 1989.

Experience

- Acting in proceedings for an account on the breakdown of various related joint venture projects in relation to real estate developments.
- Advising in a substantial mediation of a family partnership dispute concerning a property empire worth tens of millions of pounds.

Expertise

[Real Estate law](#)

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- [Commercial Litigation](#)
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- Acting in proceedings against a firm of solicitors in respect of substantial damages claim arising under the Landlord and Tenant Act 1988.
- Acting for successful defendant/appellant in Johnson v The Medical Defence Union Limited in proceedings under the Data Protection Act 1998.
- Acting for the successful claimant in Westside Nominees Limited v Bolton MBC concerning the construction of the rent review clause in a long lease of commercial premises.
- Advising interested party on reference to the ECJ regarding the construction of Article 22.2 of the Brussels Regulation on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters.
- Defending application for Judicial Review of client's decisions on grounds that decision not amenable to review.
- Successfully resisting a substantial claim in damages for the allegedly negligent provision of professional advisory services.
- Concluding the settlement of a shareholder dispute and the separation of interests of former business partners.
- On behalf of a regulatory body sponsored by a government department, resolving at the pre-action protocol stage a professional negligence claim against solicitors.
- Acting for European client in proceedings in the TCC regarding allegedly unlawful alterations to a penthouse flat in Chelsea.
- Acting for landlord in proceedings for breach of covenant involving allegations of fraudulent completion of documents by other party.
- Acting for property owner in a claim for possession of valuable riverside premises and recovery of substantial arrears of rent including complex factual history and legal issues.
- Advising in relation to a claim by a property owner to free property from fraudulent mortgage and unauthorised advances allegedly secured on property.
- Resolution of a dispute concerning a substantial development lease, involving wide ranging issues of construction, performance and the application of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954.
- Advising in respect of a complaint to the Financial Services Ombudsman and potential litigation regarding certain interest rate hedging arrangements.

Testimonials

“‘Very effective property litigation firm’ Fladgate LLP has expertise in the leisure, telecoms, site development and high-value residential sectors... Janet Keeley is ‘extremely impressive’.”

Legal 500 2016

“The ‘impressive’ Janet Keeley is noted by sources for her ‘very sensible’ approach to litigation. She has comprehensive experience of advising on the full range of real estate disputes and has recently led on rent review and professional negligence-related work.”

Chambers UK 2014

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Legal 500 2014

“Janet Keeley handles real property disputes as part of a wider commercial litigation practice. Her property dispute practice encompasses the full range of landlord and tenant matters and associated professional negligence.”

Chambers UK 2013

“The ‘professional’ team at Fladgate LLP has ‘good commercial awareness’. The group acts for high-net-worth individuals and companies in claims against solicitors, accountants and construction professionals, and handles defence work for clients including Deloitte and the Medical Defence Union. Janet Keeley, Sophia Purkis, Jonathan Hibberts and Digby Hebbard are noted.”

Legal 500 2017

“Fladgate LLP is ‘a highly commercial firm with a broad ability across the property litigation field’. Its ‘very effective team’ delivers ‘a brilliant service together with excellent response times and extremely high knowledge levels’ that ‘completely justifies the confidence clients place in it’. Practice head Thekla Fellas, Alison Mould, who is ‘an insightful and experienced individual, who is calm in a crisis and allows nothing to slip by’, Jonathan Hibberts, who ‘works harder than it seems is possible’, and ‘truly outstanding lawyer’ Janet Keeley are the key names.”

Legal 500 2017

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