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Anna has a broad cross-disciplinary practice in group litigation, employment and equality, commercial and public law. Anna is ranked as a Rising Star in Legal 500 UK and as 'Up and Coming' in Chambers & Partners for Group Litigation. She was appointed in the first year of eligibility to the Attorney General's C Panel of Counsel.

Anna is instructed on some of the largest claims and group litigation in England and Wales, including the 'unprecedented' Dieselgate Emissions litigation and in over 15,000 *Plevin PPI Commission* claims. She is adept at and enjoys handling a wide range of areas of law and has recently advised on or acted in proceedings involving issues of confidentiality, foreign law, and jurisdiction.

Recent cases of interest include:

- *Wragg & Ors v Opel Automobile GmbH & Ors* [2024] EWHC 1909 (KB) – acting for Claimants who owned or acquired Vauxhall-branded vehicles in Part 11 Applications brought by German Defendants.
- *Various Claimants v Nissan Motor Co Ltd & Ors* [2024] EWHC 208 (KB) – counsel in the 'six GLO' hearing, in which GLOs were granted in against six sets of car manufacturers and authorised dealers in the NOx emissions litigation.
- *R (Kent County Council) v Secretary of State for the Home Department* [2023] EWHC 3030 (Admin) – acted for the Home Office in the 'ECPAT' litigation challenging the use of hotels for accommodating unaccompanied asylum -seeking children who had been unaccommodated by their local authority.
- *Rodgers v Leeds Laser Cutting Ltd* [2022] EWCA Civ 1659 – counsel in the first appellate case concerning health and safety dismissals in the Covid-19 era.
- *The British Council v Beldica* – counsel before the Employment Appeal Tribunal in a case concerning the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the Equality Act 2010 and the Employment Rights Act 2010 and Article 1 and Article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights.

Before coming to the bar, Anna qualified as a solicitor and a New York State attorney and worked in _____

international courts. She is particularly interested in disputes involving cross-border elements and developing areas of law. As sole counsel, she has acted in the High Court and Employment Appeal Tribunal; as junior counsel, she has appeared in courts up to the Court of Appeal.

Anna is a member of the Employment Lawyers Association's International Committee, having previously been a member of its Legislative & Policy Committee.

Anna is fluent in Spanish and competent in French. She is able to take instructions in Spanish.

Expertise

Group Litigation

Anna is acting in various high-profile group litigation claims, including:

- Emissions litigation – acting on claims against multiple vehicle manufacturers, finance companies and car dealerships in claims related to the so-called Dieseltgate scandal. The claims allege that vehicles contain unlawful defeat devices within the meaning of Article 5(2) of EC Regulation 2007/715.
- Uber Drivers – representing over one thousand Uber Drivers in their claims for national minimum wage and holiday pay.

Commercial

Anna has advised on various commercial disputes, including partnership, restraint of trade, and contractual disputes.

While training as a solicitor at an international law firm in London, she worked on a range of commercial disputes (including international arbitrations), contentious insolvency, banking, and planning and environment law cases. These covered the oil and gas, financial, and hospitality sectors. Anna was seconded to Goldman Sachs for six months where she gained experience in their private lending team.

Employment

Anna represents claimants and respondents at all stages in proceedings including preliminary hearings, judicial mediations, final hearings, and appeals.

She appeared (led) in the Court of Appeal in the first appellate case concerning health and safety dismissals in the Covid-19 era.

Recent instructions include:

- Junior counsel in group litigation representing more than one thousand Uber drivers claiming holiday

pay and national minimum wage.

- Counsel for successful claimant in complex two-week Employment Tribunal proceedings involving claims of unfair dismissal, direct discrimination, whistleblowing, and victimisation.
- Representing successful claimant in a two-day trial in an unfair constructive dismissal claim concerning the respondent's imposition of a 10% pay cut.
- Representing two whistleblowing van drivers who were successful in establishing (i) worker status (ii) the respondent's liability for automatically unfair dismissal, and (iii) costs of over £6,000 for the respondent's unreasonable conduct.
- Representing the respondent school in a 2-week trial concerning alleged disability discrimination, sexual harassment, and unfair dismissal.

Anna is regularly instructed to draft statements of case and has acted and advised in cases involving unfair dismissal, discrimination, and equal pay claims, amongst others.

Public Law

Judicial Review:

Anna acted as junior counsel on *R (Dolan) v Secretary of State for Health and Social Care* [2020] EWHC 3857 (Admin), a judicial review challenging the lawfulness of the lockdown regulations imposed in England as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. Anna regularly acts for and advises local authorities regarding their duties under the Children Act 1989, challenges to care packages and adult social care charging policies, amongst others.

Anna was a Public Law Tutor at Queen Mary University of London School of Law for the academic year 2021 – 2022.

Court of Protection:

Anna has a busy Court of Protection practice. She regularly acts in s.21A MCA challenges and in health and welfare, at both interim and final hearings. She has experience of cases concerning deprivation of liberty, residence, social and health care, and appointing deputies, amongst others. She regularly acts for local authorities and the Official Solicitor.

Human rights & pro bono:

Anna regularly advises on human rights issues. Before coming to the bar, Anna was a founding volunteer and Co-Editor-in-Chief of human rights information website RightsInfo (now EachOther), created by barrister Adam Wagner.

Anna takes on pro bono work, and is particularly keen to do so in her areas of interest.

She is a member of Advocate (the bar's pro bono charity).

Appointments

- August 2023: appointed Junior Counsel to the Crown (C Panel)
- July 2023: appointed to Employment Lawyers Association's International Committee

- May 2022: appointed as UK rapporteur for Journal Mass Claims
- March 2021: appointed to the Employment Lawyers Association's Legislative & Policy Committee. As part of this role, she has chaired numerous responses to Government consultations including the Low Pay Commission's consultation on 2022 National Minimum Wage rate, the Government's Bill of Rights consultation, and the ICO's call for views on employment practices.

Awards

- Postgraduate Public Interest Fellowship, Columbia Law School (2018)
- Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar, Columbia Law School (2018)
- Debbie Phillips Award, Insolvency Law Association (2017)
- Entrance Scholarship, Columbia Law School (2017)
- Stan Marsh Scholarship, Association of Law Teachers (2016)
- First Prize, Junior Lawyers Division Essay Competition, Law Society of England and Wales (2015)
- Second Prize, Graham Turnbull Human Rights Essay Competition, Law Society of England and Wales (2015)
- First Prize, European Human Rights Moot Court Competition, European Law Students Association (2014)
- Lord Haldane Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn (2012)
- College Prize for First-Class examination results, Emmanuel College, University of Cambridge (2012)
- Hunter Senior Scholarship for First Class examination results, Emmanuel College, University of Cambridge (2010)

Education

- Bar Transfer Test (BPP) (2019)
- (Columbia Law School) (2018)
- Legal Practice Course (University of Law) (2014)
- Graduate Diploma in Law (City University) (2013)
- BA Modern and Medieval Languages, French & Spanish (University of Cambridge) (2012) (Double First) (converted to MA in 2017)

Languages

- French
- Spanish

Memberships

- Employment Lawyers Association – International Committee Member
- Court of Protection Bar Association
- Administrative Law Bar Association

Career

- 2014 – 2015: Worked in European Court of Human Rights, Court of Justice of the European Union, Inter-American Court of Human Rights
- 2015 – 2017: Training contract at Berwin Leighton Paisner (now Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner)
- 2017 – 2018: LLM at Columbia Law School
- 2018 – 2019: Public Interest Fellow at the Legal Aid Society of New York

Recommendations

“Anna Dannreuther is a very talented junior and an absolute pleasure to work with.” “She is brilliant and punches above her weight.”

Chambers UK 2026

“Anna is super proactive and an exemplary hard worker.”

Legal 500 2026

“Anna is excellent. She is personable and an excellent team player. She is adept at legal research and willing to spend significant time on solving issues. A star in the making.”

Legal 500 2025

“Anna is very user-friendly, very responsive and good team player. Her advocacy is also calm, measured and reasonable – she has a bright future.”

Chambers UK 2025

“Anna will read all of the disclosure and get involved in letter writing and first drafts of pleadings. She is incredibly bright and always has an eye on the big picture.”

Chambers UK 2025

“Anna is a skilled technical lawyer blessed with great judgement and an appetite for hard work.”

Legal 500 2024

“Anna is a very strong barrister. She is really good on the law, has excellent judgement and is very commercial.”

Chambers UK 2024

“The level of service she has provided has been extremely positive. Anna is a pleasure to work with.”



Chambers UK 2024