



## Beth Grossman

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### Practice areas

Business

Media and sport

Property  
& private client

Employment

Public &  
regulatory

Beth's is a member of Chambers' business, media and sport, property and public law and regulatory teams. She regularly appears in the High Court and the County Court. Clients have praised her "excellent" advocacy. She is as robust and persuasive on paper as she is in court and on a number of occasions her drafting has persuaded opposing parties to withdraw or settle prior to hearing.

Beth completed pupillage at a leading specialist media and information law set and has a deep understanding of the law in this field. Prior to coming to the Bar, Beth worked in law and policy in the not-for-profit sector and the Civil Service.

Beth accepts instructions on a direct access basis.

Outside the Bar, Beth enjoys photography, travel, theatre and yoga.

MA, Modern History, University of Oxford  
Graduate Diploma in Law, Distinction, BPP  
BPTC, Kaplan Law School  
Megarry Pupillage Award, Lincoln's Inn  
Lord Denning BPTC Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn  
Kaplan Advocacy Scholarship, Kaplan Law School  
Lord Bowen GDL Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn

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### Business



Beth has a thriving business and commercial practice spanning insolvency, companies law and commercial disputes. Her recent cases include:

- Re A Company 2645 of 2018: Successfully obtaining an injunction to restrain publicity of an application to wind-up and subsequently getting the petition

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dismissed as an abuse of process.

- Fisher and Fisher v Fraser and Fraser: Successfully appearing in a multi-track breach of contract trial involving complicated issues of fact as to the identity of the contracting parties.
- A multi-million pound commercial dispute arising out of the Commercial Agents Regulations, led by William McCormick QC.
- Regularly appearing in the Companies Court applying for / or resisting winding-up applications and applications to restore companies to the register;
- Advising on the Companies Act 2006.

During pupillage, Beth assisted in two major commercial High Court cases involving allegations of fraudulent misrepresentation in film finance, *Copthall v Scorched Earth* [2017] EWHC 1341 (QB) and *Kaplan v Super PCS* ([2017] EWHC 1165 and ongoing). She is confident in conducting detailed analyses of company accounts and financial transactions, dealing with large volumes of late disclosure and handling legally and factually complicated arguments around causation and loss of a chance.

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## Media & sport



Beth advises, undertakes drafting and appears in the High Court in libel, privacy/data protection and related matters. Her recent work includes:

- Regular pre-publication advice for the Sun Newspaper and a community news outlet;
- *Thandi v Basra and Gill*: for the Defendant (a Sikh temple) in strike out and summary judgment application concerning complex arguments around limitation, meaning and reference.
- *Rochester v Ingham House*: for the Defendant in proceedings in libel and malicious falsehood involving a former staff member and complaints to regulatory body;
- *Meopham v ANG and Creative v Marshall*: for the Claimant photographers in the Intellectual Property Enterprise Court on breach of copyright, achieving Additional Damages on the “flagrancy” principle in *Creative*;
- *Dr H v Police Force*: advising and drafting for the Claimant, a doctor regarding malicious allegations made to employer and issues of patient privacy and data protection;
- *Dr A v NHS Trust*: advising the Claimant, a doctor regarding libel, malicious falsehood and malicious prosecution following allegations made by employer to the police.
- Advising a public body on resisting disclosure of a confidential settlement agreement with a former employee.

Beth has also advised in a number of international matters:

- Advice on media regulation reform in line with the Constitution for civil society organisations in Zimbabwe;
- *Eighteen Degrees North*: advice (with Lord Gifford QC) on Reynolds/public interest defences relating to the prospective broadcast of a documentary in Jamaica;
- Beth is the co-author (with Heather Rogers QC) of two reports into hate speech, hate crime and freedom of expression in Myanmar.

During pupillage at a leading specialist set in this field, Beth assisted on a number of high profile cases, including *Cliff Richard v BBC* and *Optical Express v Associated Newspapers* as well as a number of confidential matters. She has detailed knowledge of breach of confidence, contempt of court, harassment as well as defamation, privacy, data protection and copyright.

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### Property and private client



Beth regularly appears in the High Court and the County Court on real property and landlord and tenant matters.

A substantial element of Beth's insolvency practice concerns commercial property and she has a particular interest in the intersection between these two areas of law. Amongst other matters, she is currently instructed by an aviation company in a long-running dispute concerning underlettings and insolvency.

Beth's landlord and tenant work spans the entire breadth of this practice area and includes:

- Possession claims;
- Disrepair (both claimants and defendants);
- Unlawful eviction.

Beth's real property work includes:

- Part 8 Claims under TOLATA;
- Injunctions for urgent access.

Beth is also experienced in property work with a public or regulatory law element. Her recent cases include:

- The Grenfell Inquiry: Ongoing instructions from the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government, particularly concerning buildings regulations.
- W v A Local Authority: Successfully acting for an applicant in a Court of Protection case resisting the proposed moving of an elderly person from their home.
- B v A Local Authority: Successfully acting for an applicant in a housing and community care judicial review.
- Beth was recently instructed for an evidence review by a national infrastructure company concerning a regulatory investigation into a number of their sites.

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### Employment



Beth undertakes a wide range of employment work for both claimants and respondents. She has recently been instructed as a junior junior for the Government in *Essop v Home Office* (indirect discrimination in recruitment and promotion procedures, involving a large number of claimants) as remitted to the Employment Tribunal following judgment in the Supreme Court.

Drawing on her expertise in freedom of information and data protection law, Beth has also advised on confidentiality clauses in settlement agreements involving public bodies, and is particularly keen to accept instructions or provide advice in this area.

From her work in the disability sector, Beth has in-depth knowledge of equality and discrimination issues in employment law. She has recently advised a claimant on the merits of claims for direct and indirect discrimination, harassment and proving disability under the Equality Act 2010. Before coming to the Bar, Beth drafted submissions for Government departments and the Women and Equalities Select Committee on this issue. Having previously managed a large team, she is familiar with the practical realities of how employment disputes arise and can be resolved successfully.

During pupillage, Beth assisted on cases concerning the intersection between privacy, data protection and employment law.

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### Public and regulatory



Beth's public law practice includes:

- Advising the Metropolitan Police Service on Article 8 and data protection issues in relation to applications for the deletion of data relating to cautions, arrests and investigations;
- The Grenfell Inquiry: ongoing instructions from the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government, particularly concerning buildings regulations.
- W v A Local Authority: Successfully acting for an applicant in a Court of Protection case resisting the proposed moving of an elderly person from their home.
- B v A Local Authority: Successfully acting for an applicant in a housing and community care judicial review.
- H v Legal Aid Agency: for the successful Applicant in two judicial reviews against the Legal Aid Agency's decisions regarding funding.

During pupillage, Beth assisted on cases concerning the judicial review of decisions by media regulatory bodies and alleged misuses of private information and breaches of the Data Protection Act by public authorities.

Before coming to the Bar, Beth was Head of Policy, Public Affairs and Research at Scope and during her BPTC worked as a legal case worker for a national disability charity. Her work included:

- Advising a UN inquiry on the UK's compliance with obligations under international law regarding disabled people;
- Advising the Women and Equalities Select Committee on disability discrimination and the effectiveness of the Equality Act 2010;
- Advising the Department of Health regarding proposals for alternative dispute resolution relating to disability litigation;
- Drafting successful grounds of appeal to the Upper Tribunal;
- Appearing in the First-Tier Tribunal in education and benefits cases;
- Successfully settling very high value community care and education cases pre-action.

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### Memberships

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Discrimination Law Association  
Employment Law Bar Association

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