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Overview

Camille practises across the full spectrum of employment and discrimination law, acting for both claimants and respondents. Camille is also building a strong reputation as an independent investigator, conducting complex and sensitive workplace investigations with rigour and discretion.

Academic

BPTC, Very Competent, City Law School (2016)

BCL, Distinction, Keble College, Oxford (2015)

LLB, First Class, University College London (2013)

Awards & Prizes

Lord Mansfield Scholarship (highest award) (Lincoln's Inn) (2015)

Hardwicke Entrance Award (Lincoln's Inn) (2015)

Postgraduate Scholarship (City Law School) (2015)

Graduated on UCL's Dean's List for undergraduate students of excellence (2013)

Winner of the UCL & Slaughter and May Senior Moots Competition (2013)

Best Senior Speaker at the UCL v King's College London Moot (2013)

Agha-Abdur-Rashid Niazi Prize for Mooting (UCL) (2013)

1 Garden Court Family Law Chambers Prize (UCL) (2013)

Linklaters Prize for Excellence (UCL) (2011)

Simon Wallace Memorial Prize for Contract Law (UCL) (2011)

Employment & Discrimination

Camille advises and represents both claimants and respondents in all areas of employment and discrimination law. She is regularly instructed in complex, multi-day trials and is developing a strong appellate practice, having appeared as sole counsel before the Employment Appeal Tribunal.

Her clients include workers supported by most of the major trade unions—such as the UCU, Unison, the BMA, and the NEU—as well as NHS Trusts and employers in the financial services, media, retail, and higher education sectors.

- During a secondment at an international law firm (December 2024–February 2025), Camille advised businesses and senior executives on **employee competition and related matters**.
- Successfully appealed a finding of **direct race discrimination** in the **Employment Appeal Tribunal**, acting for an **NHS Trust**.
- Represented members of Humberside Forces Covert Authorities Bureau, establishing that time spent on stand-by at home constitutes 'working time' under the **Working Time Regulations**.
- Successfully defended an **NHS Trust** against claims of **whistleblowing** and **direct race discrimination**, involving 15 allegations over an 8-

Expertise

- Employment & Discrimination
- Investigations

Recommendations

"They have good coverage at all levels, meaning you can always find the right barrister for the case in question." Chambers & Partners

"Old Square are my preferred set of chambers and have been throughout my career. They will always try to accommodate needs and the set are very down to earth and approachable. We have developed very good working relationships with the team over the years." The Legal 500

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year period.

- Represented a group of **trade union members** in a successful **s. 145B TULRCA claim** against London Ashford Airport.
- Advised on and drafted a claim involving serious allegations of **sexual harassment** by a junior teacher against her line-manager.
- Successfully represented a **nurse** in a multi-day **race harassment** claim against an NHS Trust.
- Successfully defended a **family run coffee shop** in a multi-day **pregnancy discrimination** hearing. The Claimant was assisted by a Japanese interpreter.
- Assisted **Mark Sutton KC** and **Betsan Criddle KC** in *Smo v Hywel Dda University Health Board [2020] EWHC 727 (QB)*, a successful application to the High Court for injunctive relief on behalf of a doctor facing disciplinary proceedings.
- Successfully defended a well-known **professional services firm** in a high-value **unlawful deduction from wages** claim and secured a **costs award** against the Claimant.
- Successfully represented a group of Claimants in an **unfair dismissal** claim, establishing that their employment had '**TUPE transferred**'.
- Successfully represented a **university employee** in a multi-day **disability discrimination** hearing, securing approximately £70,000 in compensation.

Investigations

Camille is frequently instructed to carry out highly sensitive, confidential, and complex workplace investigations. Recent examples of her work in this area includes investigations into:

- a whistleblowing complaint brought by an employee at a software company;
- allegations of misconduct by a senior figure within a religious organisation;
- allegations of incompetence raised by a departing teacher about her line manager at a public school;
- allegations of antisemitism and sexual misconduct against pilots at a commercial airline;
- allegations of bullying and unfair dismissal due to whistleblowing by a senior employee at a charitable organisation;
- race and sex discrimination allegations by in-house lawyers.