

Jennie Wild

Call: 2013

Jennie is very intelligent, incredibly hard working and very perceptive as to the needs of a given case. Her appetite for the technical detail is considerable...

Jennie is a joy to work with, even when under pressure ...

Excellent analytical and drafting skills, and an energetic advocate. Top quality barrister.

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Practice Overview

Jennie is a well-regarded and experienced specialist in oral and written advocacy in high-value, and complex, construction and energy disputes, resolved by way of arbitration or litigation.

Jennie was awarded “Construction Junior of the Year” for 2024 at the Legal 500 MENA Awards.

She is ranked as a leading junior by Chambers & Partners, the Legal 500 and Doyles Guide in Construction, Energy, International Arbitration and the Middle East. She has been described as “a legal wizard”, “a master tactician”, “an energetic advocate”, “meticulous and thorough”, “user-friendly and down-to-earth”, being “strategic and thoughtful”, having “an elegant drafting style”, “undaunted by large and complex cases”, “someone you want on your team” and “in reality, already a star”. She is also featured in a text of “40 under 40” rising arbitral practitioners from around the world.

Jennie’s practice is a balance of international arbitration and domestic litigation. Her experience includes four international airports, four power stations (including the world’s largest air-cooled and photovoltaic stations), three major hospitals, roads and

tunnels and a national water network. Her arbitral experience includes disputes subject to the ICC, DIAC, ADCCAC, MCCI and UNCITRAL rules concerning projects in the UAE, Qatar, Oman, Australia, South Africa, Slovakia and Mauritius. Her recent domestic instructions include: (i) Building Safety Act 2022 cladding and fire safety matters; (ii) adjudication enforcements; (iii) “live” advice in relation to major London infrastructure/development projects; and (iv) a major PFI termination account dispute.

Jennie contributes to the Construction Law Reports, Keating on Construction Contracts, Keating on JCT, Keating on Offshore Construction and Marine Engineering, PLC and Halsbury’s Laws.

Before coming to the Bar, Jennie worked at the Law Commission on the reform of insurance law, unfair contract terms and fiduciary duties and prior to that, in Australia, at the Victorian Government Solicitor’s Office and for the Principal Judge of the Victorian Commercial Court.

Practice Areas

Advocacy

Examples include:

- Adjudication enforcement (High Court, London TCC) – unled. Successfully enforced adjudication decision (£1,155,523.55) and obtained indemnity costs of the application. Concerned two identical adjudications, the first adjudicator having been appointed by the wrong ANB. See *Fileturn Limited v Lincoln Plaza Hotel Company Limited* [2022] EWHC 2277 (TCC).
- Adjudication enforcement (High Court, London TCC) – unled. Acted on behalf of Claimant in c£1m adjudication enforcement application.
- Adjudication enforcement (Central London County Court, TCC list) – unled. Successfully enforced adjudication decision (c£100K) and obtained indemnity costs of the application.
- Arbitration (CIMAR) – unled. Acted on behalf of Respondent in c£20m final account dispute concerning a hotel and commercial complex in a series of procedural hearings/applications (final hearing forthcoming).
- Arbitration (DIAC) – For Respondent (with Richard Harding KC) in c£5m DIAC contractual payment dispute.
- Arbitration (ADCCAC) – For Claimant (with Richard Harding KC) in c£120m ADCCAC final account arbitration concerning an international airport (with an area twice the size of the world’s tallest building).
- Arbitration (ICC) – For Respondent (with David Thomas KC and Ben Sareen) in a USD \$14.5m ICC arbitration concerning a photovoltaic energy plant in Qatar (1-week hearing).
- Arbitration (ICC) – For Claimant (with David Thomas KC, Ben Sareen, Brenna Conroy and Harry Smith) in a £200m arbitration concerning an energy project in South Africa (3-week hearing).
- Arbitration (DIAC) – For Respondent (with Richard Harding KC and James Thompson) in a £600m DIAC arbitration concerning an airport in the Gulf, with a particular focus on IT system issues (2-week hearing).

- DABs – For Claimant acting for a global energy company in a number of DABs concerning two coal-fired power stations in South Africa.
- Construction dispute (High Court, London TCC) – unled CMC. Acted on behalf of Defendant Fire Engineer, in multi-party, multi-proceedings, cladding defects dispute.
- Construction dispute (High Court, Manchester TCC) – unled. Acted on behalf of Defendant in £10m Part 8 termination dispute. Successfully argued the case should be treated as a Part 7 claim. On re-pleading the claim value dropped to c£3m. See *IES Utilities Group Limited v British Telecommunications Plc* [2024] EWHC 3417 (TCC).
- Construction dispute (High Court, Manchester TCC) – unled. Acted on behalf of Defendant in c£3m Part 7 termination dispute at contested CCMC.
- Construction dispute (Central London County Court, TCC list) – unled. Successfully acted on behalf of the Defendant in a 3-day trial. Prepared written opening submissions and conducted all aspects of the oral hearing, including cross-examination on complex civil engineering issues.
- Construction dispute (High Court, Birmingham TCC) – unled. Acted on behalf of the Defendant in a CMC in the Birmingham TCC relating to a dispute regarding the design of an access road and crane footings (dispute value c£500,000).
- Construction dispute (High Court, Commercial Court) – Emergency injunction seeking the withdrawal of a call on a €24m bond arising out of the suspension of works to a Low Density Ammonium Nitrate facility in the Middle East. Jennie: drafted the applicant's skeleton argument, claim form and proposed order; liaised with the court to secure an out of hours emergency telephone hearing; provided oral submissions as to why an emergency hearing was required; liaised with instructing solicitors; and assisted Stephen Furst KC with submissions on the application provided by way of telephone hearing.
- Construction dispute (Central London County Court, TCC list) – unled. Acted on behalf of the Defendant in a heavily contested CMC in a professional negligence claim against an architect.
- Sale of goods (High Court, QBD) – unled. Acted for a Hong Kong based manufacturer in an application to set aside default judgment and resisting an application for a third party debt order in relation to a sale of goods dispute.
- Insolvency (High Court, Bankruptcy & Companies Court) – unled. Instructed in a number of High Court insolvency disputes.
- IT & Technology (County Court, various) – unled. Acted on behalf of a major telecommunications company in a series of interim applications and trials in commercial and consumer disputes.
- Property (High Court, QBD) – unled. Instructed to appear at a CMC in a Part 8 claim for a declaration as to the extent of the Claimant's land rights.
- Property (County Court) – unled. Acted on behalf of a property owner seeking possession and an order for outstanding rent arrears and electricity charges.

Adjudication

Jennie is regularly instructed in adjudications and DABs, by both referring and responding parties. She has recent and extensive experience in drafting submissions, in the provision of tactical advice and in the enforcement of decisions.

Reported cases: Stellite Construction Ltd v Vascroft Contractors Ltd (2016) 165 ConLR 108; Fileturn Ltd v Lincoln Plaza Hotel Co Ltd [2022] EWHC 2277 (TCC).

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- Adjudication enforcement (High Court, London TCC) – unled. Acted on behalf of Claimant in c£1m adjudication enforcement application.
- Adjudication enforcement (Central London County Court, TCC list) – unled. Successfully enforced adjudication decision (c£100K) and obtained indemnity costs of the application.
- Drafted Notice of Adjudication and Referral and assisted with the preparation of witness statements and expert reports in fire safety defects claim concerning three residential blocks of flats (c£12m).
- Drafted Notice of Adjudication and Referral and assisted with the preparation of witness statements and expert reports in true value Final Statement dispute (c£39m) concerning hotel fit out works.
- Drafted Response and ad hoc email submissions in an adjudication concerning alleged negligently performed electrical works.
- Defended an ad hoc 3-month adjudication concerning alleged fire stopping defects in a hospital complex.
- Defended an adjudication relating to the pre-tender design of a car park (claim value c£200,000).
- Defended an adjudication concerning defects in the construction of a large development of flats (claim value £4m).
- Prosecuted an adjudication concerning defects in a luxury residential refurbishment project (claim value c£300,000).
- Defended an adjudication relating to the refurbishment of a sport and leisure centre (claim value c£500,000).
- Defended an adjudication relating to the design, installation and commissioning of a wet riser system in a commercial office block (claim value c£700,000).
- Acted and advised in many adjudications concerning payment notices and “smash and grab” claims.
- Advised in numerous cases in relation to enforcement, and resisting enforcement of, adjudication decisions.
- For Claimant acting for a global energy company in a number of DABs concerning two coal-fired power stations in South Africa. Jennie was part of an unled team of juniors coordinated by Calum Lamont, each of whom was responsible for running different DABs. Jennie was responsible for: running a (successful) DAB seeking prolongation costs in respect of one of the power stations, including drafting pleadings and settling witness statements and expert reports; and advising in relation to a claim in respect of the second power station.

International Arbitration

Jennie has a thriving international arbitration practice and specialises in high-value, and complex, construction and energy cases, including four international airports, four power stations (including the world's largest air-cooled station), two major

hospitals and a tunnel and road network.

She was awarded "Construction Junior of the Year" for 2024 at the Legal 500 MENA Awards and is featured in a text of "40 under 40" rising arbitral practitioners from around the world.

Examples include:

- For Respondent (as sole counsel) in c£20m final account dispute concerning a hotel and commercial complex in a series of procedural hearings/applications (final hearing forthcoming).
- For Respondent (with Richard Harding KC) in c£5m DIAC contractual payment dispute.
- For Respondent (with Calum Lamont KC and James Thompson) in a dispute concerning a road and tunnel network in Eastern Europe. Jennie's tasks include: responding to applications; drafting memorial pleadings; assistance with preparation of witness and expert evidence; and preparation and appearance at forthcoming 3-week hearing.
- For Claimant (as sole counsel) in a dispute concerning a desalination project in the Gulf.
- For Claimant (with Richard Harding KC) in c£120m ADCCAC final account arbitration concerning an international airport (with an area twice the size of the world's tallest building). Jennie was afforded significant responsibility in preparing all aspects of the case (including drafting pleadings, assisting to manage a team of junior solicitors, expert reports and witness statements). The case raised issues of delay, acceleration and varied works.
- For Respondent (with David Thomas KC and Ben Sareen) in a USD \$14.5m ICC arbitration concerning a photovoltaic energy plant in Qatar. The case raised matters of interpretation, implied terms, good faith, estoppel and willful misconduct. Jennie has been responsible for: all aspects of legal research and related submissions; drafting the Defence; drafting witness statements; drafting applications and notes for the Tribunal; drafting openings; preparing oral openings and cross examination for the hearing (recently re-listed for 2022); and preparation of a security for costs application.
- For Claimant acting for a global energy company in a number of DABs concerning two coal-fired power stations in South Africa. Jennie was part of an unled team of juniors coordinated by Calum Lamont, each of whom was responsible for running different DABs. Jennie was responsible for: running a (successful) DAB seeking prolongation costs in respect of one of the power stations, including drafting pleadings and settling witness statements and expert reports; and advising in relation to a claim in respect of the second power station.
- For Claimant (with David Thomas KC, Ben Sareen, Brenna Conroy and Harry Smith) in a £200m arbitration concerning an energy project in South Africa. Jennie assisted with preparation of the delay and disruption claim, gave contractual advice, drafted opening submissions, prepared cross examination of factual and expert witnesses, supported David Thomas KC during a three-week hearing, and prepared written and oral closing submissions.
- For Respondent (with Richard Harding KC and James Thompson) in a £600m DIAC arbitration concerning an airport in the Gulf, with a particular focus on IT system issues. Jennie was responsible for all aspects of the delay claim including: working with a team of three solicitors, working with delay and quantum experts, analysing the documentary evidence, drafting witness statements and supporting Richard Harding KC during a two-week hearing.
- For Claimant (with Marcus Taverner KC and James Thompson) in a £300m ICC Final Account arbitration concerning an airport in the Gulf.

- For Respondent (as sole junior with Richard Harding KC) in a £12.5m ICC arbitration concerning a sub-contract dispute relating to an airport in the Gulf. Jennie was the sole junior instructed and was responsible for preparing all aspects of the claim.
- For Claimant (with Lucy Garrett, Calum Lamont and Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP (Dubai)) in a \$120m arbitration concerning an EPC project for the construction of a manufacturing plant in the Gulf raising issues of delay, disruption, acceleration, unlawful de-scoping, additional cost and the wrongful deduction of liquidated damages. Jennie was instructed following a last-minute change of counsel and drafted openings and cross examination.
- For Respondent (with Richard Harding KC and Lucy Garrett) in \$2 billion ICC arbitration arising out of the termination of a hospital project in the Gulf.
- For Claimant (with Finola O'Farrell KC and Sam Townend) in a \$127million ICC arbitration arising out of an LNG project in Australia.

Commercial

Reported cases: *Hamad Aldrees & Partners v Rotex Europe Limited* (2019) 184 Con LR 145

Examples include:

- *Eco Green Management Limited v The Alchemist Bar & Restaurant Limited*: Drafted Defence in payment claim for commercial electricity services, in which claimant sought to apply substantially higher rates reflective of the “energy crisis”. The defendant alleged wrongful termination, wrongful interpretation and denied that various alleged terms fell to be implied.
- *Hamad Aldrees & Partners v Rotex Europe Limited* (2019) 184 Con LR 145. Jennie was led by Simon Hargreaves KC and Piers Stansfield KC in this £46m TCC claim concerning the sale of machines to a Saudi Arabian company. The judgment establishes a new principle regarding the incorporation of terms. Jennie worked on expert reports, preparation for trial (including drafting opening submissions and cross examination), supported Simon during trial and drafted closing submissions. As a result of Simon's busy practice, Jennie was afforded significant responsibility in managing this claim and, after trial, took charge of written closing submissions, oral case management submissions and the hand over to Piers.
- Emergency injunction seeking the withdrawal of a call on a €24m bond arising out of the suspension of works to a Low Density Ammonium Nitrate facility in the Middle East. Jennie: drafted the applicant's skeleton argument; claim form and proposed order; liaised with the court to secure an out of hours emergency telephone hearing; provided oral submissions as to why an emergency hearing was required; liaised with instructing solicitors; and assisted Stephen Furst KC with submissions on the application provided by way of telephone hearing.
- Advised on whether to seek an injunction to restrain a call on a performance bond where the alleged entitlement was in restitution.
- Advised on whether to file a proof of debt for a claim on an indemnity granted by a now insolvent defendant.
- Advised on the required time for service of papers in a possession hearing and whether time could be abridged.
- Assisted in advising on the likely forum and applicable law for a dispute between an English company and Qatari company whose main centre of operations was in Dubai, concerning a development in Qatar.

Construction & Engineering

Jennie is regularly instructed in relation to a wide range of construction and engineering disputes, including delay and disruption, loss and expense, defects (including fire-safety and BSA-related claims), variations, contractual money claims, payment, termination, and associated insolvency and insurance matters. She appears (for employers, contractors and sub-contractors) in the TCC and County Courts, has a thriving international arbitration practice and is regularly instructed in relation to adjudications and DABs. She has extensive knowledge of the JCT, NEC and FIDIC standard forms.

Jennie was awarded "Construction Junior of the Year" for 2024 at the Legal 500 MENA Awards.

Reported cases: Hamad Aldrees & Partners v Rotex Europe Limited (2019) 184 Con LR 145, Van Oord UK Ltd v Allseas UK Ltd [2015] EWHC 3074 (TCC), Van Oord UK Ltd v Allseas UK Ltd [2016] 1 CostsLO 1 and Stellite Construction Ltd v Vascroft Contractors Ltd (2016) 165 ConLR 108, Fileturn Ltd v Lincoln Plaza Hotel Co Ltd [2022] EWHC 2277 (TCC); IES Utilities Group Limited v British Telecommunications Plc [2024] EWHC 3417 (TCC).

Examples include:

- IES Utilities Group Limited v British Telecommunications Plc: Drafted Defence and Request for Further Information, successfully appeared in application to treat Part 8 claim as a Part 7 claim, appeared at CCMC, and on-going provision of advice in c£3m (originally c£10m) claim concerning termination of a poling contract.
- Costal Housing Group Limited v JG Hale Construction Limited & Ors: Represented Fourth Party in CCMC in c£4m defects claim concerning a residential care home.
- For Respondent (as sole counsel) in c£20m CIMAR final account dispute concerning a hotel and commercial complex in a series of procedural hearings/applications (final hearing forthcoming).
- Provided advice in relation to residential occupier's claim against AmTrust Europe Limited for defects in roof.
- Provided advice as to whether to terminate a subcontract for the supply of naval vessels.
- Taylor Wimpey v Galliford Try & Ors: Drafted amendments to Particulars of Claim to reflect Building Safety Act changes and additional defect claims in dispute concerning three residential apartment buildings. The claim relied (amongst other matters) on breaches of the Building Regulations (including fire safety matters). It was brought against three defendants pursuant to the Defective Premises Act 1972 and a collateral warranty, in tort, and in breach of an architect's appointment and the JCT Standard Form Building Contract with CD.
- Hill Partnerships Limited v KKM Architects & Ors: Drafting Defence and provision of advice in c£2m claim against architects concerning alleged fire safety defects.
- Whittington Facilities Limited (in administration) v Whittington Health NHS Trust: Drafted RFI application and re-pleading application and general provision of advice in c£56m PFI termination account dispute, primarily concerning alleged fire safety defects.
- Drafted Particulars of Claim on behalf of freehold owners of student residential accommodation against the main contractor alleging serious and substantial defects, including fire safety defects (contrary to ADB2) and seeking c£9m in respect of rectification costs and associated losses. The claim relied on breaches of a warranty, a duty of care in tort and breaches of the Defective Premises Act 1972.

- Drafted Particulars of Claim on behalf of 48 leasehold owners of high rise flats against six defendants, including the developer, main contractor, shared ownership leaseholder, NHBC, architect and employer's agent alleging serious and substantial defects, including passive fire safety defects, and seeking the cost of necessary remedial works plus associated losses. The claim relied on obligations the defendants variously owed pursuant to the Defective Premises Act 1972, sales contracts and the terms of Buildmark Cover.
- Advice on prospects and quantum in respect of a potential claim against a firm of architects who provided planning permission advice.
- Advice on prospects and quantum in respect of a potential claim on behalf of a management company against a construction consultancy firm concerning preventative maintenance works.
- Advice and preparation of position papers regarding substantial glazing dispute concerning re-development of a shopping centre.
- Eco Green Management Limited v The Alchemist Bar & Restaurant Limited: Drafted Defence in payment claim for commercial electricity services, in which the claimant sought to wrongly apply substantially higher rates reflective of the "energy crisis". The defendant alleged wrongful termination, wrongful interpretation and denied that various alleged terms fell to be implied.
- Advising a major UK home building on limitation and its standard terms in light of Grenfell.
- Advice given to the largest manufacturing company in Europe in respect of Covid-19 project implications. Jennie advised in relation to force majeure, termination, change of law and other contractual remedies (under amended FIDIC and NEC forms) in respect of three on-going projects, and provided commercial and practical advice to be applied by the company generally in relation to all projects.
- An ad hoc adjudication (spanning three months), defending a claim concerning passive fire protection defects in one of the largest single-site hospitals in the UK (costing c£545m). Jennie drafted the pleadings and witness statements.
- For Defendant (as sole counsel) providing limitation advice and drafting a complex settlement agreement in respect of window and cladding defects for one of the UK's largest house builders.
- For Claimant (with Adam Constable KC) providing on-going, real-time, advice to three contractors working on a major infrastructure project in London in respect of Covid-19- related force majeure and change of law claims, and drafting position papers in respect of such claims.
- Hamad Aldrees & Partners v Rotex Europe Limited (2019) 184 Con LR 145: Jennie was led by Simon Hargreaves KC and Piers Stansfield KC in this £46m, TCC claim concerning the sale of machines to a Saudi Arabian company. The judgment establishes a new principle regarding the incorporation of terms. Jennie worked on expert reports, preparation for trial (including drafting opening submissions and cross examination), supported Simon during trial and drafted closing submissions. As a result of Simon's busy practice, Jennie was afforded significant responsibility in managing this claim and, after trial, took charge of written closing submissions, oral case management submissions and the hand over to Piers.
- Prater Limited v RSA Façade Design Limited: Jennie was instructed as sole counsel to defend this £200,000 TCC claim in respect of the design of roof glazing to Olympia West Hall, London. Jennie drafted the Defence and response to an RFI,

provided advice on strategy for a mediation and negotiations which led to a favourable settlement of the claim.

- Kaplan NT Limited v Vinci Construction UK Limited: Jennie was led by Sam Townend in this c£1m TCC claim concerning defective lifts in student accommodation in Nottingham. Jennie drafted the Particulars of Claim and responses to RFIs, worked on expert reports and led various conferences with the client advising on merits and strategy.
- For Defendant (as sole counsel) in a 3-day County Court trial concerning sums allegedly owing in respect of the design and installation of various telecommunications towers manufactured by the defendant. Jennie successfully defended the claim and conducted all aspects of the oral hearing, including cross-examination on complex civil engineering issues.
- Drafted numerous pleadings including: Defence in architect's professional negligence dispute concerning a defective church roof (claim value £120,000); Particulars of Claim in a dispute relating to a window and door fabrication machine (claim value c£1.5m); Particulars of Claim, Response to Part 18 Request and Reply in a claim relating to an industrial air conditioning supply and installation contract; Particulars of Claim seeking payment of invoices for the manufacture and installation of steel handrails.
- Advised a contractor in relation to a number of issues referred by the Supreme Court of Ireland to the Court of Justice of the European Union.
- Regular advice, pleadings and court work for a UK fibre network provider.
- Regular advice and pleadings in disputes relating to breaches of the National House Building Council Rules and Buildmark Policy.
- For Claimant (with Richard Harding KC) in c£120m ADCCAC final account arbitration concerning an international airport (with an area twice the size of the world's tallest building). Jennie was afforded significant responsibility in preparing all aspects of the case (including drafting pleadings, assisting to manage a team of junior solicitors, expert reports and witness statements). The case raises issues of delay, acceleration and varied works.
- For Respondent (with David Thomas KC and Ben Sareen) in a USD \$14.5m ICC arbitration concerning a photovoltaic energy plant in Qatar. The case raises matters of interpretation, implied terms, good faith, estoppel and willful misconduct. Jennie has been responsible for: all aspects of legal research and submissions; drafting the Defence; drafting witness statements; drafting applications and notes for the Tribunal; drafting openings; preparing oral openings and cross examination for the hearing (recently re-listed for 2022); and preparation of a security for costs application.
- For Claimant acting for a global energy company in a number of DABs concerning two coal-fired power stations in South Africa. Jennie was part of an unled team of juniors coordinated by Calum Lamont, each of whom was responsible for running different DABs. Jennie was responsible for: running a (successful) DAB seeking prolongation costs in respect of one of the power stations, including drafting pleadings and settling witness statements and expert reports; and advising in relation to a claim in respect of the second power station.
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Energy & Natural Resources

Jennie has been instructed in relation to a number of significant, and complex, international energy disputes. Examples include:

- For Respondent (with David Thomas KC and Ben Sareen) in a USD \$14.5m ICC arbitration concerning a photovoltaic energy plant in Qatar. The case raises matters of interpretation, implied terms, good faith, estoppel and willful misconduct. Jennie has been responsible for: all aspects of legal research and submissions; drafting the Defence; drafting witness statements; drafting applications and notes for the Tribunal; drafting openings; preparing oral openings and cross examination for the hearing (recently re-listed for 2022); and preparation of a security for costs application.
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- For Claimant (with Finola O'Farrell KC and Sam Townend) in a \$127million ICC arbitration arising out of an LNG project in Australia.
- Jennie is also regularly instructed in relation to domestic energy contract disputes. For example, she recently defended a payment claim for commercial electricity services, in which the claimant sought to wrongly apply substantially higher rates reflective of the “energy crisis”. The defendant alleged wrongful termination, wrongful interpretation and denied that various alleged terms fell to be implied.

Insurance

Examples include:

- Jennie regularly acts for the National House Building Council (NHBC) in relation to claims against builders, developers and personal guarantors.
- Advised on the applicability of insurance policies to claims relating to defective new-build.
- Provided advice in relation to residential occupier's claim against AmTrust Europe Limited for defects in roof.
- Assisted in advising on the implications of potential claims on CAR and PI policies in framing an adjudication claim.
- Assisted in advising on the merits of a claim against the insurer of an insolvent company, pursuant to the Third Parties (Rights Against Insurers) Act 1930.
- Whilst at the Law Commission, Jennie was intimately involved in the drafting of the new Consumer Insurance (Disclosure and Representations) Act 2013 and the Insurance Act 2015.

Professional Negligence

Examples include:

- Taylor Wimpey v Galliford Try & Ors: Drafted amendments to Particulars of Claim to reflect Building Safety Act changes and additional defect claims in dispute concerning three residential apartment buildings. The claim relied (amongst other matters) on breaches of the Building Regulations (including fire safety matters). It was brought against three defendants (including the architect) pursuant to the Defective Premises Act 1972 and a collateral warranty, in tort, and in breach of an architect's appointment and the JCT Standard Form Building Contract with CD.
- Hill Partnerships Limited v KKM Architects & Ors: Drafting Defence and provision of advice in c£2m claim against architects concerning alleged fire safety defects.
- Drafted Particulars of Claim on behalf of 48 leasehold owners of high rise flats against six defendants, including the architect and employer's agent, alleging serious and substantial defects, including passive fire safety defects, and seeking the cost of necessary remedial works plus associated losses. The claim relied on obligations the defendants variously owed pursuant to the Defective Premises Act 1972, sales contracts and the terms of Buildmark Cover.
- Advice on prospects and quantum in respect of a potential claim against a firm of architects who provided planning permission advice.

- Advice on prospects and quantum in respect of a potential claim on behalf of a management company against a construction consultancy firm concerning preventative maintenance works.
- Prater Limited v RSA Façade Design Limited. Jennie was instructed as sole counsel to defend this £200,000 TCC claim in respect of the design of roof glazing to Olympia West Hall, London. Jennie drafted the Defence and response to an RFI, provided advice on strategy for a mediation and negotiations which led to a favourable settlement of the claim.
- Drafted pleadings for Defendant in architect's professional negligence dispute concerning a defective church roof (claim value £120,000).
- Advised on the prospects of pursuing a claim in negligent misstatement against a firm of architects.

Reported Cases

- IES Utilities Group Ltd V British Telecommunications Plc [2025] EWHC 2996 (TCC)
- IES Utilities Group Limited v British Telecommunications Plc [2024] EWHC 3417 (TCC)
- Fileturn Ltd v Lincoln Plaza Hotel Co Ltd [2022] 2 WLUK 171
- Hamad M Aldrees & Partners v Rotex Europe Ltd 184 ConLR 145
- Stellite Construction Ltd v Vascroft Contractors Ltd 165 ConLR 108
- Van Oord UK Ltd v Allseas UK Ltd 1 Costs LO 1
- Van Oord UK Ltd v Allseas UK Ltd [2015] EWHC 3074 (TCC)

Other information

Education & Professional Career

Education

- Law with Australian Law LLB, First Class (Hons), University of Nottingham 2004-2008
- Year abroad to Melbourne University 2006-2007
- BPTC (Outstanding) City University 2011-2013

Professional career

- Australian Wheat Board (Melbourne) 2008-2009

- Victorian Government Solicitors Office (Melbourne) 2009-2010
- Associate to the Honourable Justice Hargrave, Supreme Court of Victoria (Melbourne) 2010-2011
- The Law Commission 2011 – 2013
- Called to the Bar, Inner Temple 2013
- Pupil, Keating Chambers 2013-2014
- Tenant, Keating Chambers 2014

Additional Information

Jennie enjoys art, yoga, netball, singing and spending time with her family.

Appointments & Awards

- Duke of Edinburgh Entrance Award 2011
- Inner Temple exhibition Award 2011
- Winner City University Mooting Competition 2012

Memberships

- SCL
- TECBAR
- COMBAR
- LCLCBA
- Young ICCA
- Arbitral Women

Recommendations

"Jennie is able to break down complex legal arguments with a commercial minded focus so that they are easily understandable by clients. Jennie has a real critical analytical eye for detail which is essential in complex construction disputes."

Construction, Legal 500 UK Bar 2026

"Jennie provides robust but commercially focused advice to clients. She is able to get to the heart of a matter quickly."

Construction, Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2026

"Jennie has a good eye for the detail and is very firm and focused with her advocacy."

Construction, Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2026

"She is another fantastic lawyer; her advice is very clear and meticulously drafted. She is very supportive, hard-working and she is a pleasure to deal with."

Construction: International Arbitration, Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2026

"Jennie is an outstanding barrister with a 'never give up' attitude and an ability to grasp complex delay and disruption claims very quickly."

Construction: International Arbitration, Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2026

"She is mature and calm, has excellent attention to detail, and deals well with clients."

Construction, Legal 500 EMEA 2025

"Her views are always well reasoned and articulate."

Construction, Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2025

"Jennie is very diligent and thorough."

Construction, Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2025

"Jennie Wild's client management skills are fantastic and her drafting is fantastic."

Construction, Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2025

"Jennie Wild is an extremely able practitioner."

International Arbitration: Construction/Engineering, Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2025

"Jennie is a real safe pair of hands for construction arbitrations."

International Arbitration: Construction/Engineering, Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2025

"She's fantastic with clients, great at drafting and technically brilliant."

International Arbitration: Construction/Engineering, Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2025

"She is my go-to junior barrister for construction arbitrations."

International Arbitration: Construction/Engineering, Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2025

"Jennie Wild is the best."

International Arbitration: Construction/Engineering, Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2025

"Jennie is an erudite, conscientious barrister."

Energy, Legal 500 UK Bar 2025

"Jennie is very intelligent, incredibly hard working and very perceptive as to the needs of a given case. Her appetite for the technical detail is considerable. She researches issues thoroughly and provides comprehensive notes on the position. Very professional."

Construction, Legal 500 UK Bar 2025

"Jennie is a joy to work with, even when under pressure. She is a hands on and supportive member of the arbitration team."

Excellent analytical and drafting skills, and an energetic advocate. Top quality barrister."

International Arbitration: Counsel, Legal 500 UK Bar 2025

'Jennie is meticulous, mature, practical, and good with clients.'

Construction, Legal 500 EMEA 2024

"Jennie masters the art of persuasion. She is an articulate and compelling advocate, with gravitas that commands attention and is also meticulous with her written work, and analytical skills. Jennie is extremely personable, clear and excellent at understanding the detail and using that to demonstrate her case."

International Arbitration: Counsel, Legal 500 UK Bar 2024

"Jennie has a real eye for detail and the intricacies of delay disputes."

Energy, Legal 500 UK Bar 2024

"Jennie is brilliant: clever, astute, driven, practical and leaves no stone unturned."

Construction, Legal 500 UK Bar 2024

"Jennie is fantastic. She is bright, energetic and supportive; a real asset to the team."

International Arbitration: Construction/Engineering, Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2024

"Jennie is fantastic. She is bright, energetic and supportive; a real asset to the team."

Construction, Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2024

'Jennie is exceptionally bright, intuitive, and hardworking. She has the rare ability to get to the nub of the issues efficiently and effectively.'

Construction, Legal 500 EMEA 2023

'Jennie is an outstandingly good junior whose brilliant legal analysis is always presented in the most attractive way both for tribunals and clients. Her work ethic is second to none. She is in reality already a star.'

Construction, Legal 500 2023

'She is extremely intelligent, well prepared, detailed and persuasive in argumentation, and her demeanour tends to move the bench in her direction.'

Energy, Legal 500 2023

'Jennie has incredible attention to detail. Solicitors are amazed at her knowledge of construction claims, but more so in her ability to consume detailed and technical information and break this down into language that is easily understood by witnesses and the tribunal.'

International Arbitration, Legal 500 2023

"Very user-friendly and down-to-earth. She rolls her sleeves up and gets involved with you when needed. Very good written product and clear commercial advice."

Construction, Legal 500 2022

"She is very good with clients and difficult cases."

International Arbitration, Chambers & Partners 2022

"A legal wizard, attentive, detail-oriented, strategic and thoughtful, she has an elegant drafting style."

Energy Rising Star, Legal 500 2022

"Undaunted by large and complex cases, she deals well with clients from a diverse range of backgrounds."

Legal 500 Middle East: The English Bar, Construction 2021

"A highly skilled and talented barrister - her attention to detail, knowledge of the facts and law, and ability to produce thoughtful, concise submissions and advice sets her apart."

International Arbitration Rising Star, Legal 500 UK Bar 2021

"She gives excellent, clear, commercial advice. She is a master tactician and someone you want on your team."

Construction, Legal 500 UK Bar 2021

"She is meticulous and thorough."

Legal 500 UK Bar 2020

Very methodical in her approach and meticulous in her preparation

Legal 500 EMEA: UAE UK Bar 2020

"Senior beyond her years: very methodical in her approach and meticulous in preparation."

Legal 500 UK Bar 2019