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Areas of practice

- Construction & Engineering
- Adjudication
- Energy & Natural Resources
- International Arbitration
- Professional Negligence

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Practice overview

Jennie's practice covers a broad spectrum of commercial disputes that fall to be resolved by way of litigation, adjudication, international arbitration and ADR, including energy, construction, engineering, professional negligence and associated insurance disputes. She has experience of heavy, complex and high value claims in international arbitration and the TCC. In addition to led work, Jennie advises in her own right and regularly appears as sole advocate in the High Court and County Courts. Jennie is a contributing editor of the Construction Law Reports, the forthcoming edition of Keating on Construction Contracts and Halsbury's Laws.

Jennie's recent experience includes:

- Acting for the Respondent in ICC Proceedings (with Richard Harding QC and Lucy Garrett) in c£350m claim concerning a construction project in Doha, Qatar;
- A c£12m TCC claim concerning an on-shore gas pipeline in Shetland (with Finola O'Farrell QC);
- Acting 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.

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 Solicitors Office and for the Principal Judge of the Victorian Commercial Court.

Recent Cases

Construction & Engineering

Examples of recent work include:

- A 3 week TCC trial (with Finola O'Farrell QC) concerning an onshore gas pipeline in Shetland.
- For Respondent (with Richard Harding QC and Lucy Garrett) in £2 billion ICC arbitration arising out of the termination of a hospital project in the Gulf.
- 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.
- Drafted Letter of Claim and Particulars of Claim in a dispute relating to a window and door fabrication machine (claim value c£1.5m).
- Drafted Particulars of Claim, Response to Part 18 Request and Reply in a claim relating to an industrial air conditioning supply and installation contract.
- Assisted with the drafting of a Witness Statement and Skeleton Argument for a CMC in a claim for property damage and business interruption losses relating to the construction of commercial premises (claim value £170m).
- Assisted with the drafting of a Skeleton Argument for an appeal in the Court of Appeal relating to the proper construction of a limitation clause in a contract for the design and construction of a low-density polyethylene plant.
- Assisted with the drafting of pleadings in a claim for defective glass curtain walling in a substantial commercial building (claim value £20m).
- Advised on the prospects of pursuing a claim in negligent misstatement against a firm of architects.

Advocacy

Examples of recent court appearances include:

- Acting 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.
- Acting 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).
- Instructed in a number of High Court insolvency disputes.
- Acting on behalf of a major telecommunications company in a series of interim applications and trials in commercial and consumer disputes in various County Courts.
- Instructed in a series of possession order claims in various County Courts.
- Instructed to appear at a CMC in a Part 8 claim for a declaration as to the extent of the Claimant's land rights.

Adjudication

Examples of recent adjudication work include:

- Drafted the Notice of Adjudication and Referral Notice in an adjudication concerning defects in the construction of a large development of flats (claim value £4m).
- Drafted the Notice of Adjudication and Referral Notice in an adjudication concerning defects in a luxury residential refurbishment project (claim value c£300,000).
- Drafted the Response and Rejoinder to a claim relating to the refurbishment of a sport and leisure centre (claim value c£500,000).
- Drafted the Response to a claim relating to the design, installation and commissioning of a wet riser system in a commercial office block (claim value c£700,000).
- Drafted the Response and Rejoinder in an interim payment dispute (claim value £75,000).

Insurance

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. Examples of recent work include:

- Advised on the applicability of insurance policies to claims relating to defective new-build properties.
- 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.

Commercial

Examples of recent work include:

- 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.

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

Other achievements

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

Memberships

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Seminars, Publications & Papers

- Contributing Editor of the Construction Law Reports.
- Contributing Editor of Keating on Construction Contracts.
- Edited Halsbury's entries for the Consumer Insurance (Disclosure and Representations) Act 2012.
- Article: When is a door not a door? When it is ajar! – December 2015.
- Article: Mixing the Rough with the Bust (with Robert Fenwick-Elliot) – Summer 2015.
- Article: 'Issuing a TCC claim before complying with the Protocol: "extreme peril" – February 2015.
- Seminar: Design Liability (with Nerys Jefford QC) – October and November 2015.
- Seminar: Recent Cases of Interest to Construction Lawyers, Keating Construction Law Conference – October 2015.
- Seminar: Civil Litigation Update – November 2015.
- Seminar: The new Part 36 – June and July 2015.
- Seminar: Construction legal update: Practical lessons to be learnt (with Simon Hughes QC and Wragge Lawrence Graham & Co LLP) – October 2014.
- Insurance Contract Law: The Business Insured's Duty of Disclosure and the Law of Warranties (Law Commission, Joint Consultation Paper No 204).
- Fiduciary Duties of Investment Intermediaries (Law Commission, Consultation Paper No 215).
- Unfair Terms in Consumer Contracts (Law Commission, Issues Paper July 2012).

Languages

French (basic)

Additional Information

Jennie enjoys art, netball, yoga and skiing.