



## CATHERINE EMANUEL

OF COUNSEL

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Kate is Of Counsel in our dispute resolution team and ranked as a Rising Star in *Legal 500 2021*.

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## BACKGROUND

Kate is qualified as an advocate in her South Africa and has practiced in London since 2000.

## KEY SERVICES

[Class Actions](#)  
[Commercial Litigation](#)

## KEY SECTORS

[Banks and other Financial Institutions](#)  
[Government and Public Sector](#)

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## EXPERIENCE

Kate advises on all forms of dispute resolution, including High Court litigation, arbitration and mediation, with a focus on cases involving complex legal and strategic issues. Her cases are frequently high profile and media sensitive and often have an international element.

Kate's work includes *class actions, complex contractual disputes, investigations and inquiries, insolvency-related disputes and professional negligence claims*. She advises UK and international clients, often at Board level, across a wide range of sectors including in financial services, and the public sector. She is ranked in as a Rising Star in Legal 500 2021 and recognised as "technically outstanding" and "capable of strategically managing complex high profile litigation".

Kate's experience includes advising:

- Post Office on the successful settlement of its highly publicised class action relating to defects in its computer system, following a series of unfavourable judgments handed down before HSFs involvement, including follow-on compensation claims by criminally convicted postmasters, schemes for other affected individuals and a series of select committee and other government inquiries
- BAT Industries in proceedings arising from the US\$1bn clean-up of the Fox River in the U.S., including proceedings brought by BAT in the English High Court for the recovery of approx. US\$800m in dividends
- a financial service provider in high-value multi-party arbitration proceedings run by way of test case in connection with long-tail mesothelioma liabilities
- BP in a professional negligence claim against its brokers arising out of the operation of an open cover insurance facility