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An experienced associate in Darwin Gray's reputable Insolvency and Dispute Resolution Teams, Kate draws on her wealth of experience to advise clients and assist them with reaching solutions in all aspects of insolvency and commercial dispute resolution.

Kate's wide-ranging experience relates to all aspects of insolvency work, including advising insolvency practitioners in their capacities as office-holders for a variety of contentious and non-contentious work. Kate also acts for and advises directors and individuals alike in relation to all company and personal insolvency-related matters.

On the dispute resolution side, Kate also has extensive experience of conducting all types of commercial litigation, franchise disputes and housing management work; including progressing matters to trial and settling out of court using a range of alternative dispute resolution, in particular mediation. Kate also regularly conducts advocacy in the County Court.

Recent Work

- Advising on and negotiating settlement of a partnership dispute in a GP surgery
- Acting for an individual client resisting a potential demand from a bank on a Personal Guarantee, for being unenforceable as a result of the negligence of the advising solicitors
- Acting for a Housing Association client in relation to a complex matter involving an anti-social behaviour injunction, committal proceedings and possession proceedings against a Defendant lacking mental capacity
- Successfully defending a high-profile contentious block transfer application against an insolvency practitioner
- Acting for a liquidator relating to various misfeasance claims against director of a company and successfully negotiating settlement
- Successfully defending an application against a liquidator challenging the decision to formally admit claims for dividend in the liquidation of a company
- Representing individuals regarding the re-use of company name (s.216 -217 IA 1986).
- Successful vesting order applications in relation to assets of dissolved companies.

Expertise

- Acting for licensed insolvency practitioners in applications under the Insolvency Act 1986
- Business and Property Court applications (Companies and Insolvency List)
- All types of Insolvency (contentious and non-contentious, corporate and individual)
- Commercial, contractual and partnership disputes
- Debt recovery
- Property related disputes
- Professional Negligence Claims
- Franchise disputes
- Housing Management

Career

Experience

- Associate, Darwin Gray - 2017 - present
- Solicitor, Darwin Gray - 2014 - 2017
- Trainee solicitor, Darwin Gray - 2012 - 2014

Education

- University of Exeter
- University of the West of England
- Cardiff University

Membership

- Committee member of The Association of Women in Property, South Wales branch
- Encouraging Women into Franchising (EWIF)