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An experienced senior associate in Darwin Gray's reputable Insolvency Team, Kate draws on her wealth of experience to advise clients and assist them with reaching solutions in all aspects of contentious and non-contentious insolvency, often calling on her extensive previous background in commercial litigation.

Kate undertakes the advocacy in her cases in the County Court and has wide-ranging experience in progressing matters to trial, and also settling out of court using a range of alternative dispute resolution.

Kate's comprehensive 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.

Recent work

- 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.
- Representing individuals and Trustee in Bankruptcies to obtain bankruptcy annulments.
- Successfully representing a liquidator in discrete Part 8 proceedings for declarations regarding refusal to consent to an assignment of a contract.

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)
- Debt recovery

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

- Insolvency Lawyers Association (ILA)