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Areas of expertise

Corporate and Financial Services Disputes >

Dispute Resolution >

Estate Planning, Wills and Probate >

Funds Disputes >

Legal >

Background and experience

Deborah's practice spans all aspects of complex, high value, international commercial litigation, fraud, breach of duty and asset tracing, including fund and investor disputes.

Recent examples of Deborah's work include:

- acting for two limited partners in a Cayman Islands exempted limited partnership, bringing direct and derivative claims against the general partner and associated third parties
- acting for the trustee of a Cayman STAR trust seeking Beddoe and anti-suit relief from the Cayman Court for foreign proceedings the trustee had joined
- acting for the executor of a complex Cayman estate involving domestic and foreign probate issues, contentious trust proceedings against the estate, and the sale of a high value family business as part of the estate administration
- acting for the guardian of an incapacitated elderly beneficiary in complex trust proceedings. The matter clarified the scope and effect of the Cayman firewall provisions and the interrelationship of common law principles of forum non conveniens and forum of administration clauses in the context of disputes concerning Cayman Islands trusts
- acting for the heirs of an estate in a successful application to remove a personal representative
- acting for a trustee in contentious trust proceedings in three jurisdictions, including proceedings in the Cayman Islands. The Cayman Court handed down a precedent-setting decision concerning the forum for administration clauses and gave guidance on the public policy of the Cayman Islands in the context of enforcement of judgments for Cayman trusts
- acting for numerous trustees and executors in wealth and restructuring matters, including a complex multi-billion dollar STAR trust restructuring

Featured in the Private Client Global Elite Directory for 2024, a directory of the world's most respected lawyers advising ultra high net worth clients, Deborah is highly recommended by industry peers.

Deborah is the author of two leading practitioner textbooks on Cayman Islands Law, which are used extensively by attorneys in the jurisdiction and members of the local and visiting judiciary - *Civil Litigation in the Cayman Islands* and *Criminal Litigation in the Cayman Islands*.

She is a member of the Recommendations Committee of the Editorial Board of the Cayman Islands Law Reports, contributing to the Cayman Islands Law Reports and the Cayman Islands Law Journal.

Deborah is a sub-committee member of the Grand Court Rules Committee and a member of the Criminal Justice Reform Committee. She has also acted as Chair of the Cayman Islands Human Rights Commission.

Deborah joined Ogier from the Attorney General's Chambers within the Cayman Islands Government Portfolio of Legal Affairs. Previously the Deputy Director of Legal Studies and Head of the Cayman Islands Professional Practice (Bar) Course at the Truman Bodden Law School, Deborah has taught litigation and legal skills to students and legal trainees for over 25 years. She continues to do so pro bono alongside her work at Ogier.

Admitted in:

1994 - England and Wales (non practising)

2017 - Cayman Islands

Examples of work

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Rachael Reynolds KC
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Ogier appears on successful petition to remove a Cayman Islands executrix

Jennifer Fox
Team: Deborah Barker Roye

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19 June 2019 | 1 min read

Ogier acts for HSBC International Trustee Limited in an application for

Beddoe relief

Marc Kish

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The Cayman Grand Court confirms its wide discretion on a Supervision Application

Harry Clark

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Cayman Privy Council provides important clarification of the rights of current and former trustees

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"Truly first rate" Ogier in Cayman stands out in Legal 500 Caribbean Guide 2023

Marc Kish

Team: Rachael Reynolds KC, Jennifer Fox, Deborah Barker Roye, Christopher Levers, Gemma Bellfield (nee Lardner), Nour Khaleq, and 21 more

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16 August 2022

The substratum rule: does it matter?

Christopher Levers

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Cayman courts continue to provide essential guidance to trust practitioners navigating complex trust

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Substratum – what is it and do I need to worry about it?

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Ogier in Cayman "top of their game" in Legal 500 Caribbean Guide 2022

Rachael Reynolds KC

Team: James Bergstrom, Tim Cone, Angus Davison, Jennifer Fox, James Heinicke, Joanne Huckle, and 16 more

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Recognition

"Rising star"

Legal 500 Caribbean, 2024

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Legal 500 Caribbean, 2023

"Recommended"

Legal 500 Caribbean, 2023

"She was a pleasure to do business with. She was very pragmatic"

Client feedback

"Rising Star"

Legal 500 Caribbean, 2022

"Rising Star"

Legal 500 Caribbean, 2021