

Annabelle Wang

Called to the Bar 2021

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Annabelle joined South Square as a tenant in October 2021.

Annabelle accepts instructions in Chambers' core areas of practice, including corporate restructuring and insolvency, offshore litigation, company law, banking and finance work and commercial litigation and arbitration. Annabelle frequently appears in the High Court and the County Court on a variety of insolvency, company, and civil procedure applications, on an urgent and non-urgent basis.

Annabelle recently acted for the liquidators of Abraaj Holdings (led by Tom Smith KC) in a high-profile dispute in the Grand Court of the Cayman Islands arising out of the well-publicised collapse of the Abraaj Group, one of the world's largest private equity emerging market investors, in their claims that payments in the sum of over \$200million made to funds within the Group were voidable preferences or dispositions of property at an undervalue.

Annabelle is also developing a strong restructuring practice, having most recently acted as junior counsel to the plan company in the landmark Adler restructuring plan (*Re AGPS Bondco PLC*) before the High Court and the Court of Appeal.

During pupillage, Annabelle assisted on a broad variety of matters spanning Chambers' practice areas including the subordinated debt litigation arising out the collapse of Lehman Brothers (*Re Lehman Brothers Holdings PLC (in administration)*), several schemes of arrangement and restructuring plans (for example, *Re Smile Telecoms Holdings Ltd* and *Re Steinhoff International Holdings NV*) and litigation concerning the reflective loss principle in relation to a Ponzi scheme. Annabelle also assisted on a number of offshore matters, including the appointment of provisional liquidators and privilege issues in the British Virgin Islands.

Annabelle holds a First Class degree in Philosophy, Politics and Economics from the University of Oxford, receiving an Academic Exhibition and Scholarship. She subsequently received a Distinction on the Graduate Diploma in Law and was called to the Bar by Inner Temple, receiving an Exhibition Award.

Insolvency & Restructuring

- Drafted a skeleton argument for the sanction hearing of a restructuring plan under Part 26A of the Companies Act 2006 (assisting Charlotte Cooke).
- Drafted advice on the compliance of a restructuring with an intercreditor agreement (assisting Henry Phillips).
- Drafted an application for recognition of insolvency proceedings in the Cayman Islands under section 426 IA 1986 (assisting Charlotte Cooke).
- Drafted advice on challenging transactions at an undervalue and misfeasance claims against

directors (assisting Charlotte Cooke).

- Drafted a skeleton argument for a bankruptcy petition (assisting Marcus Haywood).
 - Drafted an appeal skeleton in respect of re-vesting property pursuant to section 238A IA 1986 (assisting Hannah Thornley).
 - Conducted research into the position of creditors in the bankruptcy of a guarantor (assisting Clara Johnson).
 - Drafted a skeleton argument to set aside a statutory demand (assisting William Willson).
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Banking & Finance

- Drafted advice on claims arising out of defective pension transfer advice (assisting Charlotte Cooke).
 - Drafted pleadings in a complex financial brokerage dispute (assisting Adam Al-Attar).
 - Drafted a skeleton argument for an application for a special administration order in respect of an investment bank (assisting Adam Al-Attar).
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Commercial Litigation & Arbitration

- Conducted research into cross-jurisdictional issues in enforcing arbitration awards against insolvent debtors (assisting Felicity Toubé QC).
 - Conducted research into anti-suit injunctions (assisting William Willson).
 - Conducted research into contractual penalty clauses (assisting Matthew Abraham).
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Offshore

- Conducted research into the appointment of joint provisional liquidators in the British Virgin Islands (assisting William Willson).
 - Drafted a skeleton argument for an application for security for costs in the Cayman Islands (assisting Hannah Thornley).
 - Conducted research into Black Swan injunctions in the British Virgin Islands (assisting William Willson).
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Company Law

- Drafted advice on rectification of a members' register (assisting William Willson).
 - Drafted pleadings in an unfair prejudice petition (assisting Marcus Haywood)
 - Drafted an application for director's disqualification (assisting Charlotte Cooke).
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Career

2021 - Tenancy at South Square

2020 - Pupillage at South Square

Education & Qualifications

2021 - Called to the Bar of England and Wales

2019-2020 - BPP, Bar Professional Training Course,

2018-2019 - BPP, Graduate Diploma in Law, Distinction

2015-2018 - University College, University of Oxford, BA in Philosophy, Politics and Economics, First Class

Scholarships & Prizes

2020 - Exhibition (Inner Temple)

2018 - Academic Scholarship (University College)

2016 - Academic Exhibition (University College)

Interests

Travel, reading and tennis.