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Practice Areas:

Louise Merrett has a wide experience in commercial and civil practice including:

- All areas of commercial law;
- Aviation; and
- Product Liability

From October 2003 Louise Merrett has been a Fellow and Lecturer in Law at Trinity College Cambridge and from September 2006 has been a University Lecturer in Law at Cambridge University. She teaches conflict of laws and commercial law.

Recommendations (Practitioners' Guides):

Legal Experts 2003 : nominated as an expert in aviation law

Legal 500, 2002: listed as a Leading Junior in the aviation law section

Education:

MA Law (Cantab) First Class

Prizes & Scholarships:

Squire Scholarship 1990 (Cambridge)

Henry Bond Prize 1991 (Cambridge)

David Clement Prize for English Law 1992 (Cambridge)

Herbert Smith Prize for Conflict of Laws 1992 (Cambridge)

Gray's Inn Bacon Scholarship 1995 (Gray's Inn)

Recent Practice:

Arbitration:

Preparation of a preliminary issue in relation to an LCIA arbitration dealing with an oil and gas supply contract.

Aviation:

An UNCITRAL arbitration (eight weeks before Claude Thompson QC, Trevor Philipson QC and Air Marshal Ramdas) acting for an aircraft leasing company in a major international arbitration. Subsequently resisted 2 applications for leave to appeal against the arbitration awards and acted in enforcement proceedings in the High Court and Court of Appeal.



Commercial Litigation:

Awwad v Geraghty [2000] 1QB 570, Court of Appeal (enforceability of solicitor's conditional fee agreements)

GEHE AC v NBTY Inc [1999] CLC 1949, week long Commercial Court trial involving construction of a sale and purchase agreement.

State of Qatar v Sheik Khalifa bin Hamad al Thani (1999). Acted for the State of Qatar in obtaining £900,000,000 world-wide Mareva injunction and disclosure order

Conflict of Laws & Private International Law

Gheewala and others v Hindocha and others [2004] 1 CLC 502, [2003] UKPC 77, [2003] All ER (D) 291 Privy Council. Decision on *forum non conveniens*.

Product Liability:

A and Others v National Blood Authority [2001] 3 All ER 289 - leading case on product liability under the Consumer Protection Act 1987

Sport:

Football Association Disciplinary Hearing, acted for the Football Association in proceedings against 9 players in connection with irresponsible ticket distribution

Publications:

Co-Editor and author of *Conflicts in Reinsurance and Insurance* to be published in 2006 by Lloyds of London Press ("LLP").

"The scope of the EEC insurance directives" October Journal of Private International law

"The enforcement of jurisdiction agreements within the Brussels Regime" 2006 *International and Comparative Law Quarterly* 315-336

"Uncertainties in the First Limb of the *Spiliada* Test" *International and Comparative Law Quarterly* Vol 54, 2005, pp 211-220

"To what extent does an agreement to arbitrate exclude the Brussels Regulation" 2005 *Cambridge Law Journal* 308

"The meaning of an Available Forum" 2004 *Cambridge Law Journal* 309



“Partial Enforcement of a Tainted Charge” 1998 *Credit & Finance Law* 9

One of the editors of *Commercial Court Practice* part of the “White Book” (Sweet & Maxwell 1st ed (1999), 2nd ed (2001))

Contributor, *Lloyds Professional Negligence Law Reports* 1999-2001

Author of the “Common Law of Carriage” chapter of Philipson et al, *Carriage by Air* (Butterworths 2001)

Contributor to *Halsbury’s Laws* 4th ed (1998) Vol 31, “Misrepresentation and Fraud” title

Other Experience:

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| 1992 - 1994 | Research Assistant at the Law Commission |
| 2002, 2003 | Guest lectures at the London School of Economics on <i>A and others v National Blood Authority</i> (a case in which I represented the National Blood Authority). |
| 2003 - | Fellow Trinity College, Cambridge |
| | Teaching fellow at Trinity College, Cambridge, supervising in equity, conflict of laws and commercial law. I am also a Director of Studies in Law. |
| 2006 - | Univeristy Lecturer in law, Univeristy of Cambridge |