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Introduction

Gillian is an established practitioner specialising in all areas of employment law and property. Gillian was called to the bar in 1998. Gillian is a member of the both the Employment Law Bar Association and the Employment Lawyers Association as well as the Property Bar Association.

Gillian provides pragmatic advice and advocacy to a wide range of clients, from police forces to multi-national firms and local authorities. In court, Gillian has a quietly confident demeanour: she is tenacious and completely unflappable in achieving the best results for her client. Gillian is described by those instructing her as “I have seen Gill’s advocacy skills on a great number of occasions. Her greatest attribute is her ability to remain calm and unflustered, even when faced with the most confrontational opponent, allowing a clear delivery in court.”

Gillian is an Accredited Mediator and is qualified to take on Direct Public Access work.

Away from work, Gillian enjoys scuba diving, boxing, salsa and gin!

Property Law

Gillian is one of chambers’ specialists in property work. Her practice encompasses all aspects of real property, landlord and tenant (both commercial and residential), housing law, and residential and mortgage possessions. Gillian has extensive experience in handling complex disrepair claims and possession claims on the grounds of breach of covenants and nuisance, and is an expert on anti-social behaviour law. Gillian has successfully conducted a number of long-running and complex service charge cases in the First tier tribunal (Property chamber) and County Court on behalf of freeholders and management companies, and dealing with breach of covenant counter-claims and points of law as to consultation requirements and the construction of leases. Gillian also has a niche licensing practice. She is regularly instructed in a wide range of licensing matters, including alcohol, entertainment, gambling, taxi licence matters and “tables and chairs” applications. She has acted on behalf of applicants, objectors, responsible authorities and licensing authorities across the whole spectrum of licensing applications, from new applications to reviews and

appeals in the Magistrates' Courts, and judicial review applications.

Advice and representation in all areas of property including:

- Land disputes – boundary disputes, easements, adverse possession and rights to light
- Landlord and tenant – residential and commercial, including possessions, disrepair, enfranchisement and service charge disputes
- Licensing – alcohol, taxi, and gambling, including acting as legal advisor to Licensing Committees.
- Costs and costs budgeting and case management

Recent cases

- Advising on a long running enfranchisement claim
- Successfully representing a defendant in a boundary dispute/ right of way claim
- Advising a Claimant in an obstruction of a right of way claim
- Advising and representing land owners in relation to a prescriptive right of way over a turning circle
- Successfully acting for a lender client in the Land Registration First Tier Tribunal
- Successfully representing lessees resisting legal costs being applied through the service charge in the First Tier Tribunal
- Successfully acting for a lessee in applying for appointment of a manager in the face of continuing disrepair
- Advising a local authority on major works and the application of service charge provisions in leases affecting numerous properties.