

Year of call: 1999



Main Areas of Practice

Commercial law
Competition law
Education law
Employment law

European law
Human Rights
Public law
VAT & Duties

Eleni has particular expertise in European law, Competition law, VAT law, Public and Human Rights law, and Employment law. She regularly advises and appears for the Treasury-Solicitor. She has been a member of the Attorney-General's 'B' Panel for Junior Counsel since February 2007 and was a member of the 'C' Panel since 2003.

Before coming to the bar, Eleni undertook postgraduate work at Oxford University and the European University Institute in Florence. While pursuing her doctorate on legal interpretation, she also taught law at Oxford University. Eleni joined Matrix Chambers in April 2004.

Eleni was named 'Lawyer of the Week' in The Times, 15 March 2005, for her work on the Shabina Begum case, acting with Cherie Booth QC. Eleni Mitrophanous is described as 'very bright and really knows her stuff' by the Legal 500 (2007/8) in Commercial Litigation.

Practice profile

European and Human Rights Law

Undertakes EU (including competition) law and Human Rights and Public law work both on behalf of private clients and as Treasury Counsel.

VAT and Duties

Frequently advises and represents the Commissioners of Customs and Excise as well as private clients before VAT and Duties Tribunals, High Court and Court of Appeal in all areas of VAT law.

Employment Law

Gained a first in International and European Employment law on the B.C.L. at Oxford and has practised employment law since first being called to the bar, initially on behalf of the Free Representation Unit and before a number of Employment Tribunals and the EAT.

Publications

Publications

"Soft Positivism", *Oxford Journal of Legal Studies* (1997) - article on the identification of law

Various publications in *The European Advocate*; Member of the Editorial Team of *The European Advocate*

Education and training

Pupillage at Brick Court Chambers (1999-2000)

Bar Vocational Course (1999) Inns of Court School of Law, London

D.Phil in Law (1998) Corpus Christi College, Oxford

(thesis on legal interpretation. Supervisor: Professor Joseph Raz)

L.L.M. in European and International Law, European University Institute, Florence (1993-1994)

B.C.L. (1993) Corpus Christi College, Oxford

(Subjects included European and International Employment Law and Comparative Human Rights Law)

B.A. Law (1992) New Hall, Cambridge, Class I

(Options included European law, International law, Employment law and Conflicts of law)

Scholarships

Honourable Society of the Inner Temple

Major Scholarship 1998

Duke of Edinburgh Entrance Scholarship 1998

Ede and Ravenscroft Scholarship 1999

Department of Education

E.U.I. Scholarship awarded for L.L.M. at E.U.I.

British Academy

B.C.L. Studentship awarded for B.C.L. at Corpus Christi College, Oxford

New Hall, Cambridge

Scholarship awarded for achievement in B.A. law finals

Previous experience

Tenant, Hailsham Chambers 2000-04

FRU - pro bono work in Employment and Social Security cases

Tutor in Jurisprudence, Pembroke College, Oxford

Tutor in Jurisprudence, St.Hilda's College, Oxford

Tutor in Criminal law, Buckland University

Languages

Greek (bilingual), some Italian and French