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Qualifications

MA (Cantab) History

Dip Law (City)

Lloyd's Maritime Academy Certificate in Maritime Law and Shipping Contracts

Recommendations

Prior to taking Silk, Jennie was recommended for construction and professional negligence in Legal 500 and Chambers & Partners and was identified as one of six "pre-eminent" leading London Construction & Infrastructure Junior Counsel in Doyles Guide 2024. She was nominated as Construction Junior of the Year at the Chambers and Partners UK Bar Awards in 2024. The directories over the years have noted:

Intellect

- She has great experience and aptitude.
- Incredibly clever, thorough and rigorous in her approach.
- She has an ability to get into the real detail and rolls her sleeves up.
- Jennie is very sharp. She is always on top of the detail and produces clear, precise and user-friendly drafting. She is a pleasure to work with.
- Thorough on detail with a good understanding of the technical aspects of construction disputes.
- A formidably bright, very comprehensive and thorough barrister.

Commerciality and Client Focus

- Excellent and extremely responsive.
- An excellent barrister to work with. She very quickly gets to grips with the technical details and provides robust advice to clients.
- Jennie Gillies is able to get to the bottom of complex matters and explain them to clients in simple, understandable terms.
- Very approachable and very, very good with clients.
- Jennie is a pleasure to work with and is technically brilliant.
- Great attention to detail, quick to grasp the key issues and facts; good communicator and inspires confidence.
- A clear thinker, who is good fun and very unstuffy.
- Jennie gets to the point, is helpful in her advice and thinks outside of the box when required.
- Very commercial and gives sound advice.

Advocate

- She is praised for her advocacy by a number of judges.
- A tenacious advocate and wise counsel.
- Extremely bright, fantastic on the detail, and great on her feet. She slots seamlessly and works brilliantly with any team. An outstanding junior and go-to for many years now.
- Jennie is personable, incredibly intelligent and brilliant on her feet in hearings.
- She is quick on her feet in hearings yet calm and considered throughout.
- Jennie is very quick to get to grips with technically complex claims. She is commercial in terms of her advice and assessment of prospects. She is excellent on her feet – calm and persuasive.
- Equally as good an advocate as she is on paper.



Practice

Jennie Gillies KC specialises in high-value domestic and international construction and engineering disputes. Appointed to Silk in 2026 following a standout career as a senior junior, Jennie is widely recognised for her intellect, meticulous attention to detail, and deep commercial focus.

She brings a rare, multi-dimensional perspective to her practice. Having spent 15 years building a premier construction practice at 4 Pump Court, she made a lateral move in-house in 2015 to serve as the global Head of Dispute Resolution for Arup. In this role, she managed a large portfolio of complex domestic and international disputes. Returning to the Bar in 2019, Jennie's experience of sitting in "the client's chair" and directing legal strategies leaves her uniquely equipped to navigate commercial pressures and interface with project stakeholders.

Jennie's core areas of expertise are:

- **Construction & Engineering (including Building Safety)**
- **Professional Negligence**
- **Commercial and Insurance Dispute Resolution**

Alongside her work as counsel, Jennie is rapidly building a distinguished practice as an arbitrator, drawing upon her deep industry insight and dual perspective from private practice and her time in-house. Jennie is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and, reflecting her growing reputation in this field, has recently been invited to join both the International Construction Arbitrators' Association and the Society of Construction Arbitrators. She is available for appointments in both domestic and international tribunals. Jennie's arbitration experience includes:

Domestic

- Ad hoc arbitration proceedings in relation telecom facilities management services contract.
- Ad hoc arbitration in relation to the construction of a bio-energy process plant.
- CIMAR arbitration proceedings relating to the development of commercial bakery premises in the Midlands.
- LCIA arbitration proceedings in relation to design and manufacture of specialist software products used to simulate aircraft for military training purposes.
- LCIA arbitration proceedings in relation to design defects to military building in Berkshire.

International

- Ad hoc arbitration proceedings in relation to Middle Eastern international airport development.
- Court of Arbitration proceedings concerning hydro-electric power dam facilities in the Indus Basin.
- DIAC arbitration proceedings brought by Main Contractor for AED 120m arising out of delayed completion of a Dubai residential complex.
- ICC Arbitration proceedings for KD 70 million (£179 million) concerning the upgrade and expansion of Kuwaiti oil refineries.
- ICC arbitration proceedings in relation to retail mall in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
- LCIA arbitration proceedings for AED87m against MEP sub-contractor involving allegations of defects and delay to completion of a Dubai hotel development.
- LCIA arbitration proceedings concerning design and build a sports stadium in Dubai.