



Petra Billing

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Petra Billing is a commercial real estate litigator in our national real estate litigation practice with over 20 years' experience of advising real estate clients in a variety of different sectors including the Energy and Natural Resources sector (largely minerals operators), the Industrials sector, Transport and logistics and Technology sector.

She is recognised in both Legal 500 and Chambers UK as a Leading Lawyer / Band 1 lawyer in each of the real estate litigation and UK domestic and international mining and minerals categories.

Petra's clients are varied and include National Highways Limited, UPS, Tarmac (CRH PLC) , Aggregate Industries UK (LafargeHolcim) , Tata Steel UK, CBRE Ltd and Oval Real Estate.

- Real Estate Litigation
- Real Estate Asset Management
- Energy and Natural Resources
- Industrials
- Infrastructure, Construction and Transport

- Leading a national team of lawyers, working closely with National Highways Limited and the Government Legal Department, as well as a counsel team of 10 (including 3 QC's) to secure High Court injunctions against Persons Unknown and 143 named Defendants associated with the Insulate Britain Protest Campaign affecting the M25 and other roads within the national strategic road network. This has attracted a lot of media coverage and following breaches of the injunctions obtained, the team have pursued successful contempt of injunction proceedings against a number of the protestors, achieving both immediate and suspended prison sentences; including what is a first in law due to the extent of geographical spread, obtaining a nationwide injunction across roads within the strategic road network.
- Representing TFS Stores Limited in the Court of Appeal in a case concerning the technical requirements for excluding leases from the security of tenure provisions of Part II of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954. Permission is currently been sought for permission to appeal to the Supreme Court. This is seen as one of the cases to watch in 2022 by the UK property industry.

Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

Prior Experience

- 2000 to date, Partner, DLA Piper
- 1996 to 2000, Senior Solicitor, UK based commercial property firm
- 1992 to 1996, Associate, UK based law firm

Recognitions

- 'Petra Billing is an inspirational leader. Her knowledge of the mines and minerals world, its law and practices is unrivalled' - *Legal 500*, 2020 - Band 1/ Leading Individual
- Clients appreciate the team's "swift turnaround, efficiency and ability to see the bigger picture." Clients describe Petra as "extremely competent, very honest and able to provide clear strong advice." Sources say "the team offers "very good value for money." - *Chambers UK* - Band 1

Education

- University of Bristol, Law LLB (Hons), 1991

Memberships

Petra is a trustee and board member of St Luke's Hospice, a charity based in Sheffield which supports the palliative care needs of the people of Sheffield.