

Rachel Kent

Partner
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Biography

Rachel is a senior partner in the financial services regulatory team advising banks, insurers, investment and wealth managers and financial market infrastructures.

In 2020 Rachel was appointed as vice-chair of the Policy and Regulation chapter of HM Treasury's FinTech Strategic Review ('FSR') commissioned by Ron Kalifa (NED at Bank of England & former CEO of Worldpay), also referred to as the 'Kalifa Review'.

In the giving advice, she is described as 'Regulatory Brainbox' by the Financial News. Rachel is known for being tenacious in defending her clients' interests, attracting widespread admiration as a formidable negotiator in commercial transactions. This mix has given her experience of the regulations applying to how institutions must be organised, how they sell their products and services, and how they contract with others.

Rachel is a stand-out regulatory lawyer and a market leader in the areas of Brexit. Rachel serves as Chair of the IRSG Brexit Working Group on international access and competitiveness and has been the lead author on three of their post-Brexit reports.

Rachel is part of the Legal 500 'Hall of Fame' for Financial Services Regulatory (2021) and has been described by a client this year as 'the best all-round financial services partner in the City' (Legal 500, 2021). She has been appointed to the Executive Board of the



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Languages

English

Practices

Commercial
Financial Services
Digital Assets and Blockchain
Sovereigns

Industries

Financial Institutions
Insurance

Areas of focus

Authorizations and Variations of

International Regulatory Strategy Group ("IRSG"), the City of London and Innovate Finance's Fintech Strategy Board, CityUK's Europe Technical Advisory Group, HMT's Expert Trade Advisory Group, TISA's Strategic Advisory Board and the Financial Market's Law Committee. From 2017 to 2020 Rachel has been recognised as one of the '100 Most Influential Women in Finance' and '20 most influential lawyers in Europe 2021' by Financial News; listed as IFLR1000 Women Leaders 2021 in the UK and Rachel is a member of the Policy Committee of Innovate Finance and has been listed on the Women in FinTech Powerlist for 4 years running.

Representative experience

Advising the London Metal Exchange on the establishment of LME Clear.

Advising DTCC on the establishment of EuroCCP.

Advising a major financial institution on the re-organisation of its combined product terms on an International basis.

Advising various financial institutions on regulatory reviews, particularly S.166 Skilled Person reviews with a focus on systems and controls and governance.

Advising a major insurance group on its re-organisation of its internal and external asset management arrangements

Awards and rankings

- The 50 most influential in legal services 2022, *Financial News*, 2022
- Women in FinTech Powerlist 2021 and Standout 45 - Policy & Regulatory experts category, *Innovate Finance*, 2021
- Recommended & Hall of Fame - FinTech UK, *Legal 500*, 2021
- IFLR1000 Women Leaders 2021 - UK, *IFLR 1000*, 2021
- The 20 most influential in legal services 2021,

Permission

Banking Services

Client Assets

Consumer Finance

Consumer Protection and Privacy

Dealing with Financial Services Regulators

FinTech

Investment Products and Services

M&A, Business Transfers, and Restructuring in Financial Services

Market Infrastructure

Organizational Governance and Financial Institutions

Payment Services

Product Compliance

Product Distribution and Financial Institutions

Regular Contracts and Business Issues

Regulated Outsourcing and Financial Institutions

Sovereigns: Regulatory

Sustainable Finance & Investment

Education and admissions

Education

LL.B., University of Newcastle, 1989

Financial News, 2021

- Listed The 100 Most Influential Women in European Finance 2020, *Financial News, 2020*
- Women in FinTech Powerlist 2020 - Professional and Finance Services category, *Innovate Finance, 2020*
- Women in FinTech Powerlist 2019 - Policy & Regulatory experts category, *Innovate Finance, 2019*

Latest thinking and events

- Press Releases
 - Upcoming Brexit Meaningful Vote – comment from Hogan Lovells
- News
 - Financial Services Regulatory Initiatives Forum publishes fifth edition of Grid
- Awards and Rankings
 - Eight Hogan Lovells lawyers named in the IFLR1000 Women Leaders 2022
- News
 - FCA Strategy and latest Business Plan move to issues and outcomes, not sectors, in changing world
- News
 - HM Treasury stablecoin regulation proposals aimed at positioning UK as global crypto hub
- News
 - Operational Resilience: Six weeks to go...