

Katherine Simpson

Partner

Property



Katherine joined Edwin Coe as a partner in 2018.

She is a recognised expert in the specialist field of leasehold enfranchisement and is particularly renowned for her expertise in the Leasehold Reform Act 1967. She has acted for several of the London landed estates as well as for property developers, investors, trusts, charities and private individuals in all aspects of this field. Katherine has been involved in many of the most high profile enfranchisement cases on behalf of several major landlords.

Katherine regularly gives lectures and seminars on aspects of the legislation and has written for both the legal and general press in this niche area.

Experience

- Advising a rural estate on development value in respect of a flagship block of flats containing over 140 units where a collective enfranchisement claim with a value in excess of £5million was anticipated.
- Advising a high profile property developer on how to ring-fence a development in Bournemouth comprising of a hotel and luxury apartments from enfranchisement both in terms of build and title.
- Advising a charitable foundation in respect of a grade 1 listed country house in Yorkshire on how to ring-fence the development of the building into flats from enfranchisement.
- Proposing an innovative solution to a developer of a large student accommodation scheme in the West Midlands which presented particularly difficult enfranchisement issues that, owing to the requirements of the investor, were not easily overcome.
- Advising the tenant of a historic house on the Duchy of Lancaster's Estate as to whether or not the Duchy was in breach of its Parliamentary undertaking to adopt the leasehold reform legislation by analogy and so depriving the tenant from acquiring the freehold.
- Advising an urban estate on how to protect the freehold interest of two historic houses worth in excess of £80 million by contracting out of the leasehold reform legislation.
- Advising a rural estate on enfranchisement issues with ancillary complexities relating to the statutory security of tenure.

Expertise

- [Property: Overview](#)
- Housing and Rent Act legislation
- Landlord and Tenant legislation
- [Leasehold Enfranchisement, Lease Extension and Right to Manage](#)
- Property Development

Credentials

- [Recommended in Legal 500 UK 2025](#)
- [Ranked in Spear's 500 Property Lawyer category](#)
- Member of the Association of Leasehold Enfranchisement Practitioners (ALEP)
- Highly commended in the Enfranchisement & Right to Manage Awards 2015
- Member of the Property & Finance Group
- Member of the Law Society

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