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THE CHAMBERS OF  
TIMOTHY RAGGATT QC

## Suzanne Palmer – Barrister

Called 1995

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### **Private practice as a barrister**

Suzie has a broad civil common law practice. Her main area of specialism in private practice for many years has been employment law and employment-related civil disputes. She has an interest in civil cases with employment aspects, including contractual disputes about contracts of employment and restrictive covenants and work-related personal injury claims. However her civil practice over the years has been far broader than that and includes contract and tort disputes (individual and commercial), costs disputes and general civil litigation. She has appeared in a range of first instance and appellate courts and tribunals, including hearings before district judges and county court judges, the High Court and the Court of Appeal. She also has experience of mediation hearings.

### **Professional Regulatory Law experience**

In recent years Suzie's main area of practice has grown to be that of professional regulatory tribunals. She has represented private clients in, or advised them about, proceedings at the Health & Care Professionals Council (HCPC), General Dental Council, NHS Performers' List Decision Panel and General Optical Council.

In addition, Suzie has been a Legal Assessor at the Nursing and Midwifery Council for approximately 7 years, and during that time has accumulated a wealth of experience of the procedural regime and case law which governs such proceedings. She has worked with Investigating Committee, Health Committee, Conduct & Competence Committee, and Registration Appeal panels. She has been involved with a wide range of cases, including interim order hearings, substantive hearings and meetings, reviews, registration hearings and appeals and restoration hearings. She has been the legal assessor for hearings involving multiple registrants and lasting many days. She also has a huge amount of experience of assisting with the drafting of panel determinations.

Suzie has a reputation for providing down-to-earth and comprehensible advice alongside careful and logical analysis of legal and factual issues.

### **Education & Qualifications:**

Perse School for Girls

Cambridge and Corpus Christi College, Oxford.

BA (Hons) Oxford

**Interests:**

Keen amateur classical musician. Working knowledge of French. FRSA.

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