Sarah Elizabeth Worthington DBE QC(Hon) FBA

# CURRENT POSTS:

Professor of Law, LSE (2022- )

Downing Professor Emeritus of the Laws of England and Emeritus Fellow, Trinity College, Cambridge (2011-22) Director, Cambridge Private Law Centre (2012-22)

Deputy High Court Judge (Chancery Division) (2017-)

# PRINCIPAL GOVERNANCE ROLES:

British Museum, Board of Trustees (2020-)

British Academy, Chair of the Law Section (2020-) London Business School, Governing Body (2018-)

Cambridge University Press and Assessment, Syndic (ie Trustee) (2021-25)

Multiple Cambridge University, Faculty and College committee and senior governance roles Principal earlier roles:

Treasurer, British Academy (2015-20); Cambridge University Press, Member of Operating Board and Chair of Audit Committee (2012-15); AHRC, Member of Council (2010-13); President, Society of Legal Scholars (2007-8); member, Judicial Appointments Committee Diversity Forum (2008-9); LSE Pro Director, Research and External Relations (2005-10)

# AWARDS/QUALIFICATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS/APPOINTMENTS

DBE; QC (Hon); FBA; FRSA

Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law; Academia Europaea; International Academy of Commercial and Consumer Law

Bencher, Middle Temple (2010-); Member of Chancery Bar Association; Member of COMBAR Deputy Vice Chancellor, University of Cambridge (2018-22) (an honorary position typically

granted to invited Masters of Colleges enabling them to deputise for the Vice Chancellor)

# PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES/EMPLOYMENT

## Previous academic appointments

University of Cambridge (2011-2022) Downing Professor of the Laws of England; Fellow, Trinity College, Cambridge; and Director, Cambridge Private Law Centre (2012-22)

LSE (1997-2011), including Pro Director, Research and External Relations (2005-10)

Birkbeck College, Department of Law (1994-1997);

University of Melbourne (1988-1992);

Plus associated professional law secondments;

and various earlier science-related appointments.

## Visiting appointments

Professorial Fellow, Law School, University of Melbourne (2005-); Merralls Fellow, University of Melbourne (2016); Distinguished Fellow, Australian Centre for Private Law, University of Queensland (2012-); Cheng Yu Tung Distinguished Visiting Professor, University of Hong Kong (2010-); International Francqui Professor, University of Leuven (2009-10); and various other appointments in Australia, HK, EU and Sth Africa.

## Journal Editorial Posts

Current: *Modern Law Review* Advisory Board (2018-24), Editorial Committee (1999-2009); *Current Legal Problems* Editorial Board (2013-); *Journal of Equity* Editorial Board (2005-);

And earlier editorial board appointments to *University of Queensland Law Journal*, International Editorial Board (2004-22); *International Corporate Rescue* (2003-09);

*Company Lawyer* (2007-10); *Company and Securities Law Journal* (Australia) (1991-2)

## Research funding and Principal Public Lecture/Seminar Organisation in past 10 yrs

Cambridge Private Law Centre: sole fundraiser for all endeavours, including major conferences, annual seminars, annual public lectures, work-in-progress seminars, etc.

Organisation: Cambridge Law Club (2014- 22); Cambridge Freshfields Annual Law Lecture (2014-22); Cambridge Allen & Overy Annual Law Lecture (2012-17); Obligations VIII, July 2016, Cambridge (with Profs Andrew Robertson and Graham Virgo); etc.

# PUBLICATIONS

## Books:

*Abuse of Power in Private Law* (2023*,* Hart Publishing) – in progress

*Sealy and Worthington’s Text, Cases and Materials in Company Law* (jointly with Dr Sinead Agnew) (12th edn, 2022, OUP)

(And solo efforts on 4 earlier editions (8th-11th) in 2007, 2010, 2013, 2016)

*Gower’s Principles of Modern Company Law* (jointly edited with Prof PL Davies QC(Hon) FBA and Associate Professor Christopher Hare) (11th edn, 2021, Sweet & Maxwell, 1294pp)

(And 2 earlier editions (9th and 10th) with Paul Davies in 2012 and 2016)

*The Law of Personal Property* (with Professors M Bridge, L Gullifer and G McMeel), Sweet & Maxwell, 1st edn 2013, 1098 pp (but not continuing editions)

*Equity and Property: Fact, Fantasy and Morals,* Bruce McPherson Lectures, University of Queensland (2009, Queensland University Press) (110 pages)

*Equity* (2nd edition, 2006, Clarendon Law Series: Oxford) (354 pages); and 1st edn 2003 [***translated*** into Korean: 2009, Sowha Publishing Co]

*Palmer’s Company Law Annotated Guide to the Companies Act 2006* (2nd edn, Thomson Sweet & Maxwell, 2009), co-editor, responsible for pp 167-253 and 332-345 and relevant Schedules (Directors’ duties); and 1st edn 2007

*Palmer’s Company Law*: responsible for Part 8A: Management of the Company (my section is approximately 100,000 words, with 4-5 updates per year required) (2003-)

*Personal Property Law: Text and Materials* (2000, Hart Publications: Oxford) (716 pages)

*Proprietary Interests in Commercial Transactions* (1996, Clarendon Press: Oxford) (270 pages).

## Edited Books:

*Principle and Policy in Private Law Vols I and II* (with J Gardner, A Goymer, J O’Sullivan) (Hart Publishing 2023 and 2024 forthcoming) – Vol I in preparation

*Challenging Private Law: Lord Sumption on the Supreme Court* (with W Day) (Hart Publishing, 2020)

*Revolution and Evolution in Private Law* (with A Robertson and G Virgo) (Hart Publishing, 2018)

*Commercial Remedies: Resolving Controversies* (with G Virgo) (CUP, 2017)

*Commercial Law and Commercial Practice* (Hart Publishing, 2003)

## Articles and Book Chapters:

85+ articles and chapters, many cited in UK HL and SC, and in courts in Eng, Aust, Canada, HK, NZ

## Book reviews, case notes, policy reviews, dictionary entries, etc

25+ book reviews, case notes, etc since 1992

Various policy documents and reports associated with secondments and consultancies

# KEYNOTE LECTURES

70+ Keynote lectures, principally in UK, Australia, US/Canada, HK and NZ, including at annual judicial conferences; the Chancery Bar, COMBAR and ILA Annual Conferences; Middle Temple and Inner Temple Lectures; Merralls, Alan Hope Southey and Bruce McPherson Lectures (all Australia); Akard Lecture (US); Franqui Lecture (Belgium); and two Current Legal Problems lectures (UCL, London).

# TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate and postgraduate courses in equity, personal property, secured financing, commercial law, commercial contracts, company law, corporate governance, corporate finance, insolvency and restitution (variety of full year and intensive courses, and exam and dissertation assessment)

# JUDGMENTS

10+ reserved judgments, sitting as Deputy High Court Judge in the Chancery Division of the Business and Property Courts