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EDUCATION

- Association of Chartered Accountants (ACA) Qualified and ICAEW member
- Certified Fraud Examiner (ACFE)
- BSC (Hons) Physics, First Class, University of Leeds

KATE ALLEN

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Background

Kate is a Chartered Accountant and disputes advisory specialist. Kate joined Kairos in 2025 as an Associate Director focussed on our litigation and business rates practices. Prior to joining Kairos, Kate spent c.12 years in KPMG's Forensic practice, focussed on expert witness cases, disputes advisory and business rates valuations for regulated utilities.

Selected professional and industry experience

- Lead associate in preparing expert economic evidence for a CPO application to the CAT, regarding an abuse of dominance claim and follow-on damages against Rightmove plc.
- Advice to several water networks, during their negotiations with the Valuation Office Agency on 2023 business rates – securing multi-million-pound reductions for each.
- Lead associate on a commercial dispute regarding the valuation of a private jet business in the matter Lombard North Central Plc v European Skyjets Ltd [2022] EWJC 728 (QB). The case was heard in the High Court and the Judgment accepted our expert's evidence.
- Advisory review of regulatory reporting processes for a large UK energy firm.
- Forensic balance sheet review of a client's recently purchased subsidiary operating in the utilities sector, following concerns raised by the client due to the write-off of a large value of stock.
- Lead associate on an expert witness engagement acting for the claimant, concerning the quantification of loss of profits in relation to a counter-claim alleging defects in a recycling plant designed and constructed by the client. Kate's work included the review of a complex calculation to arrive at the loss claimed and consideration of assumptions applied in this calculation.
- Leading a multi-disciplined and multinational team investigating the historical accounting treatment of long-term contracts applied by an overseas subsidiary of a FTSE 250 listed company.
- Lead associate on an investigation within the media industry in relation to fraudulent invoices.
- Assisting a UK beverage brand in its preparation of a robust, supportable calculation of actual costs incurred in relation to services provided to a third party on cessation of a cost-sharing agreement.
- Supporting an NZX listed client in preparing submissions and responses for the Independent Accountant process in respect of a NZ\$10 million deferred consideration dispute.
- Manning the 'account taker' role undertaken via court order in respect of land sales found to be in breach of the New Zealand Overseas Investment Act. As account taker, reporting to the Crown Solicitor and the Overseas Investment Office, KPMG was required to quantify the profit (if any) that would be generated by the development found to be in breach of regulation.
- Assisting the Ministry of Primary Industries in New Zealand in assessing submitted claims for loss of profits, in relation to the impact of biosecurity controls taken to eradicate pests.