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Katarina is currently on leave of absence.

Katarina specialises in all areas of intellectual property law and data protection law. She joined Schjødt in 2023 and is currently finalising her DPhil (PhD) in law at the University of Oxford. Her research focuses on patent law and pharmaceuticals. Her DPhil is funded by the Social Sciences Graduate Studentship from St Hilda's College and a Schjødt stipend.

Katarina has an LLB (Hons) from the University of Edinburgh, where she wrote her dissertation on public international law. Katarina has an LLM in European Intellectual Property Law from the University of Stockholm. At Stockholm University, she was the graduate speaker of her class and co-founded the Stockholm Intellectual Property Law Review. Katarina also has an Advanced LLM in Law and Digital Technologies from Leiden University. She was the valedictorian of her class and her thesis on algorithmic disclosures was awarded the highest grade in the history of the Law and Digital Technologies Adv LLM course at Leiden University.

At Oxford University, Katarina has taught undergraduate and postgraduate courses on IP law, co-convened the IP discussion group, and worked as a research assistant on projects relating to genetic testing, public and human rights law. She was a research officer on the 2020-2021 executive committee for Oxford Pro Bono Publico, judged and clerked for the Oxford International Intellectual Property Moot and was the St Hilda's Middle Common President in 2020-2021.

Katarina has published articles in leading IP/tech journals, presented her work in several forums at the University of Oxford and at the EPIP Conference, and contributed to the Research Handbook on EU Data Protection Law.

From 2022-2023, Katarina has worked for the Infectious Diseases Data Observatory at the Nuffield Department of Medicine, focusing on data protection law and sharing clinical trial data. She has previously interned at Equinor and Gatejuristen in Stavanger.

Practice Areas

Intellectual Property
Data Protection & Privacy
Digital Innovation & TMT
EU & Competition
Life Sciences

Education

2024
DPhil, University of Oxford

2019
Advanced LLM, Leiden University

2018
LLM, Stockholm University

2017
LLB (Hons), Edinburgh University

Publications

2023
Searchlights across the black box: trade secrecy versus access to information, Computer Law & Security Review

2022
The Divisional Game: Using Procedural Rights to Impede Generic/Biosimilar Market Entry, International Review of Intellectual Property and Competition Law

2022
The Orphan Drug Regulation 20 Years On: A Quantitative and Legal Analysis, European Intellectual Property Review (co-author with David Augustin)

2021
The IP Waiver and Covid-19: Reasons for Unwavering Support, Journal of Intellectual Property Law and Practice

2021
Three routes to protecting AI systems and their algorithms under IP law: The good, the bad and the ugly, Journal of Intellectual Property Law and Practice