



**Isabel Hawkins**

Pupil Barrister



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### Interests

Passionate about dancing, performing arts, fashion, country walks and true-crime podcasts.

### Memberships

Member of Middle Temple

Member of the FLBA

## Profile

Prior to joining chambers, Isabel worked as a family law paralegal in two local firms for 3 years, assisting an experienced Children's Panel solicitor. This was invaluable experience for Isabel and set her up for a smooth transition to the Bar. Isabel prides herself on her ability to connect and build relationships with clients from the first instance. She is able to adapt her communication style to suit her different clients and is skilled at putting them at ease.

Isabel has been able to assist with a number of complex cases, as the first six pupil of Lisa Edmunds and is looking forward to accepting instructions in:

- Care/supervision proceedings;
- Placement applications;
- Non-molestation/occupation order applications; - Section 8 orders (CAO, PSO, SIO)
- Deprivation of liberty proceedings;
- Discharge of care applications.

As she progresses in her career at the Bar, Isabel is keen to develop her practice in public/private international work and in care proceedings involving medical evidence in particular.

## Qualifications

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| 2021        | Called to the Bar   |
| 2020 - 2021 | Bar Practice Course at University of Law, Manchester      |
| 2017 - 2018 | LLM in Qualifying Law at Liverpool John Moores University |
| 2013 - 2016 | History and Politics BA at University of York             |

## Professional Experience

### Legal

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| 2021 - Present | Pupil Barrister, Unit Chambers       |
| 2020 - 2021    | Family Paralegal, Berkson Family Law |
| 2018 - 2020    | Family Paralegal, BDH Solicitors     |

### Voluntary Work

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| 2017 - 2018 | Support Through Court |
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## Reported cases

Assisted as first six pupil on the case of – GC v AS (No.2) [2022] EWHC 310 (Fam):

This was an application by the mother for the Court to exercise its parens patriae jurisdiction to order the return of her children from Libya to the UK.