



**Bella Tait**

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### Interests

Being outside, hiking, cold-water swimming, and walking her dog. Bella is a semi-professional disc golf player, including international competition and representing GB. Finally, Bella is passionate about baking (and eating) sourdough bread.

## Profile

Prior to pupillage at Unit Chambers, Bella worked as a family law paralegal in the NYAS legal team and as an advocate for children in care, in need and care-leavers. This allowed Bella to gain in-depth knowledge of both 16.4 guardian work and gave her a more holistic understanding of social services. Bella played a crucial role in assisting guardians with the progression of the most complicated private law cases which gave her experience in difficult case management, developing areas of law (such as parental alienation) and regular instruction of experts. At NYAS, Bella represented clients (lay and professional) in hearings; drafted position statements, schedules of allegations, orders, and application and was regularly called upon by colleagues to assist on cases which required careful client-care or dealt in complicated areas of law. More recently, Bella developed a system which brings in cases assisting care-leaving parents, both in private and public law.

During the GDL, Bella worked at the Greater Manchester Law Centre, showing her commitment to access to justice for all and assisting those in need. The GMLC also gave Bella experience in representing clients from the start of the benefit appeal to advocating for them in tribunal, building interpersonal skills, considering supporting evidence, writing submissions and case management. During the GDL, Bella was a finalist in a national mooting competition, demonstrating her commitment to excellence and flair for persuasive advocacy.

Bella's professional background spreads beyond the legal world to include teaching English and being a counsellor. This has given Bella an ability to quickly build rapport with clients from all backgrounds, to identify their needs and provide stellar client-care.

## Scholarships

BPTC Inner Temple Exhibition Scholarship

BPTC MMU Top Student Scholar

## Qualifications

University of Edinburgh, MA Italian and Politics [2:1]

University of Edinburgh, MSc Childhood Studies (specialism in children's rights) [Merit]

Manchester Metropolitan University, GDL [Distinction]

Manchester Metropolitan University, BPTC [Very Competent]