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Memberships

Member of Middle Temple

Member of the FLBA

Member of the Northern
Circuit

Interests

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

Profile

Isabel completed her 12-month pupillage in September 2022, under the supervision of Lisa Edmunds. Prior to this, she was a well-respected family law paralegal for 3 years. 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 and guiding them through what can be an incredibly difficult time in their lives.

Isabel accepts 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
- Fact finding hearings
- SGO applications

Isabel accepts instructions from local authorities, parents, grandparents, and children (via their Children's Guardian).

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

With a background in performing arts, Isabel is confident and at ease in the spotlight and welcomes new professional challenges.

Qualifications

2022	Completed Pupillage
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

2021 - Present	Barrister, Unit Chambers
2021 - 2022	Pupillage
2020 - 2021	Family Paralegal, Berkson Family Law
2018 - 2020	Family Paralegal, BDH Solicitors

Voluntary

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.