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Our Story

Specialists in family law, experts in business, Unit Chambers is pioneering a new way. Whatever your situation or needs, our client focussed approach ensures we provide a bespoke service that is centred around our mission of delivering the best possible results for our clients.

Our Client Promise

We make your life easier

We support our clients in a smooth, straightforward way and ensure important information is communicated with clarity using language you will understand. We minimise the number of times you have to contact us by ensuring that you receive the information needed from the outset. We make it easy to change, review or close your services with us. We are always approachable and helpful.

We are fair

We ensure fairness, by making sure we prioritise our clients needs over profit. We are upfront and honest when we communicate and our services are fair and reasonable. We always deliver on what we say we are going to do.

We are personable

We approach every case with a human touch – we care for our clients, we value them and we provide a service that is relevant to your needs, rather than our own. We listen and understand our clients, ensuring we are always working in your best interests. We recognise and respect our clients as the individuals that they are. We communicate in a human way, using clear language. We ensure there is understanding at every step of the process to avoid any potential confusion.

We are responsible

We wholeheartedly take ethical and environmental issues into account when looking after the interests of our clients and operating our chambers. We do what is right for our clients and wider society. We know our clients trust us to do the right thing.

Our Expertise

Children Law Public
Children Law Private
Children Law International
Family Finance
Domestic Abuse Protection
Court of Protection
Deprivation of Liberty
Mediation and Arbitration
Modern Families

Where we service

We have chambers across the North West covering Liverpool and Manchester. However, many of our barristers are located further afield covering North Wales, Cheshire and beyond. We can also cover London and the South thanks to our Door Tenants - Teertha Gupta KC, Elizabeth Issacs KC and Chris Hames KC.

Our Support Team

Our Support Team handle the day-to-day running of the business and ensure our barristers can focus their time and energy on delivering the best possible service and result for our clients. We have partnered with [Complete Counsel](#) to assist with our back office support ensuring we continue to provide the best Practice Development and Diary Management for our barristers.



Hannah Bloodworth
Client Care Advisor



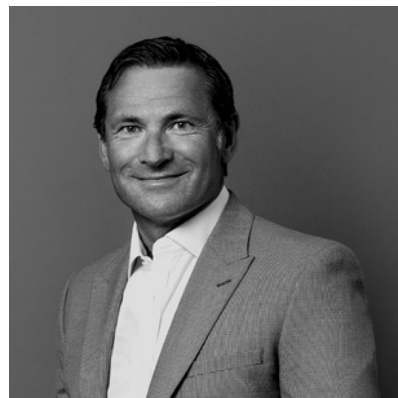
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Teertha Gupta KC
Door Tenant



Elizabeth Isaacs KC
Door Tenant



Christopher Hames KC
Door Tenant



Lisa Edmunds
Head of Chambers &
Senior Consultant Barrister



Bernadette Goodman
Senior Consultant Barrister



Claire Jones
Senior Consultant Barrister



Jennifer Evans
Consultant Barrister



Kristine Lidgerwood
Consultant Barrister



Kim Okell
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Lyana Chan
Consultant Barrister



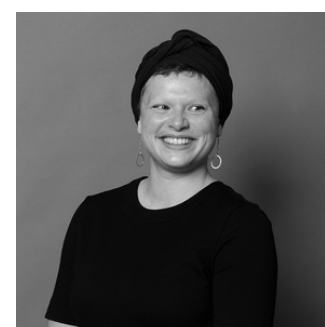
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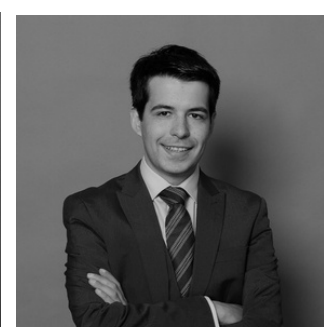
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Pupil Barrister





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Memberships

Barristers Benevolent
Association Inner Temple

Family Justice Council
(Diversity sub-committee)

FLBA

Barrister of the Eastern
Caribbean Supreme Court,
British Virgin Islands Circuit

Member of The British
Association of Sports
Lawyers

Fellow of International
Academy of Family Lawyers

Member of Football
Association's Judicial Panel
(Independent Chair of
Regulatory Commissions)
(Specialist Chair of Appeal
Board)

Profile

Teertha is a specialist senior barrister and trial advocate with over 30 years of experience.

He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 2012 and a (Family) Deputy High Court Judge in 2016. Teertha also sits as a part-time Circuit Judge (a Recorder) in the Criminal and Civil courts.

His areas of expertise include complex domestic and international children cases such as relocation, cross-border parental abductions, and acrimonious contact disputes.

Teertha is also the go-to person for forced marriage and stranded spouse cases. He has spoken in the House of Commons and was named by Lord Lester in the House of Lords as one of the four senior pro bono lawyers behind the Forced Marriage Civil Protection Bill which became a statute in 2007.

Hotly contested proceedings for clients who are running unpopular arguments before the courts are his forte. He has developed the ability to present any case in its best possible light and has been known to have changed Judges' minds in the most difficult of cases. He examines cases in detail and leaves no stone unturned.

Teertha's practice is widely spread geographically across England and Northern Ireland (and the Eastern Caribbean) in all levels of court from County Court to the ECJ. To date, he has been involved in 10 full appeals in the UKSC/ House of Lords.

History

2016	Appointed (Family Deputy High Court Judge)
2012	Year of Silk
2012	Appointed King's Counsel
2009	Recorder Civil, Crime and Family
1990	Call to the Bar

Qualifications

- Inns of Court School of Law
- Leeds University
- Mill Hill School, London
- Conversational Bengali

Testimonials

"Charismatic and can get to grips with a case remarkably quickly."

"A formidable advocate of the highest calibre."

"One of the best international silks."

Chambers & Partners, 2021, Band 1

"Very able to cut through the relevant issues and to provide clear and decisive strategic input. Establishes a strong rapport with clients very quickly"

Legal 500, 2021, Top Tier


Directories


'The way he speaks is outstanding. He has the quality touch of someone who has a very, very pleasant court manner. His presentation, his diction and the content are always so good.'


Chambers & Partners, 2018, Band 1


Teertha focuses his well-respected practice on public and private international children disputes. He is universally commended for his personable advocacy style and his prowess in the courtroom. Sources see him as one of the foremost abduction silks.




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Memberships

Family Law Bar Association

Association of Lawyers for
Children

LGBT Family Law Institute –
UK & Ireland

Chartered Institute of
Arbitrators

Profile

Elizabeth is the Head of St Ives Chambers, a specialist child law silk and sits as a Family Division Deputy High Court Judge. She has an established national reputation for a compassionate, pragmatic and strategic approach, excellent advocacy and forensic preparation in complex public law cases. Elizabeth has substantial expertise in acting for all parties in complex care, adoption and wardship proceedings and has a detailed knowledge of the legal and social care issues relating to local authority planning and decision making for children.

Practice Areas

- Public Law Children
- Private Law Children
- Dispute Resolution
- Arbitration

Awards

- Shortlisted for the Legal 500 Silk of the Year 2019 (Regions)
- Winner of the Legal 500 UK Silk of the year 2018 (Regions)

Publications

- Clarke, Hall & Morrison on Children – contributing editor
- Family Court Practice (Jordans) – contributing editor
- Challenging and Defending Local Authority Child Care Decisions (April 2013) Jordans Publishing (Co-author)
- Social Work Decision Making: A Guide for Child Care Lawyers (2nd Edition March 2012) Jordans Publishing (Co-author) – “A valuable addition to any Childcare library.”

History

2021	Head of St Ives Chambers
2019	Honorary Doctorate of Laws Coventry University
2019	Bencher of Lincoln's Inn
2014 - 2019	Silk Member of The Family Justice Council
2016	Deputy High Court Judge (Family Division)
2013	Appointed King's Counsel
2012	Public and Private Family Law Recorder (SE Circuit)
2009	Crown Court Recorder (SE Circuit)
1998	Call to the Bar

Qualifications

- BA (Hons) Psychology (Dunelm)
- MA Social Work
- LLB (Hons)
- MCI Arb (Family)

Directories

Chambers and Partners 2023: "Elizabeth's preparation is impeccable and she has a fantastic manner with her client." "Elizabeth is very approachable along with having a sound experience base." "She has excellent knowledge and skills, and has great empathy for clients."

Legal 500 2023: "Elizabeth is a tenacious, strategic, and passionate advocate. She fights her client's case with all her energy and is immensely knowledgeable particularly in relation to surrogacy cases." Elizabeth Isaacs KC is a "formidable advocate with great attention to detail."

Chambers & Partners 2022: "Elizabeth's technical knowledge is brilliant and she is also excellent and grounded in her relationships with the client." "Elizabeth has an almost encyclopaedic knowledge of the law. It's astounding and impressive and she's a pleasure to watch in action."

Legal 500 2022: "She is clever, creative and very hard working. Her written work reflects this and her advocacy is thorough and persuasive. Many expect her to be on the high court bench soon. I agree with them."

Chambers and Partners 2021: "She is creative, strategic and collaborative in her approach. A QC of choice for cases which challenge the law or raise novel issues in the area of LGBT family law and fertility law."

Legal 500 2021: "Her preparation of every case is meticulous and impressive, her advice is robust and straightforward, and she stands up for her clients."

Chambers & Partners 2020: "She has an excellent in-depth knowledge of the law and social work practice, and tenaciously fights her client's corner in a firm and balanced manner. She's also extremely personable and a great team player." "She's a phenomenal individual who mastered the issues very quickly."

Legal 500 2019: "An enormously effective trial advocate."

Chambers & Partners 2019: "She fights the client's corner in a firm and balanced manner. She is also extremely personable and a great team player." "She has an excellent grasp of the law and is also a brilliant strategist."

Legal 500 2018: "Exceptionally clever; a strategic thinker who is willing to push the boundaries in her approach to cases."

Chambers & Partners 2018: "A joy to work with. She is incredibly collaborative and gets the best out of the whole team. She is massively bright and has an ability to think outside of the box." "She has a superb work ethic and retains her balance, judgement and humour in stressful situations."

Legal 500 2017: "A Titan in children's work."

Legal 500 2016: "She radiates creative energy and has one of the quickest minds in the business."

Legal 500 2016: "Her expertise in care work includes complex cases involving child fatalities, serious injuries and sexual abuse."

Chambers & Partners 2016: "She would always be my first choice – an excellent advocate. She is very well prepared, has very good client care skills and is very approachable. She is bright and passionate about what she does. I would go to her with any family matter that needed silk." "I would single her out as a really strong, feisty advocate who is incredibly thorough in her preparation and extremely effective."

Chambers & Partners 2015: "Continues to be regarded as a go-to barrister for complex children matters involving death and serious injury. She has a keen interest in the academic side of litigation and is a thorough and versatile advocate."

Legal 500 2014: "Approachable and a pleasure to deal with."

Chambers & Partners 2014: "A child law expert in care proceedings as well as child abduction and forced marriages...and she is well versed in dealing with cases concerning learning disabilities. A competent lawyer who handles her clients very well and provides sensible advice."

Legal 500 2013: New silk Elizabeth Isaacs QC is "a brilliant barrister."


Chambers & Partners 2013: "A former social worker, she is valued for the unique perspective that her previous job affords her. Those that use her do so as "she is very personable and has very good judgement."

Legal 500 2012: Elizabeth Isaacs "fights her corner with determination."


Chambers & Partners 2012: "Personable, sensible, and highly knowledgeable," she is "excellent with clients" and "fights their corner doggedly." As a former social worker, she brings to the table invaluable added insight into the workings of the care system.


Legal 500 2011: "Superb"



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Memberships

Family Law Bar Association

Inner Temple

Chair of Child Abduction
Lawyers Association

Member of the Chartered
Institute of Arbitrators

Association of Lawyers for
Children

Member and reviewer for
Advocate

Trustee of Children and
Families Across Borders

Profile

Christopher is a fearless and persuasive advocate, combining formidable strategic and tactical thinking with a keen forensic insight. He is a specialist in all areas of international law, with the knowledge and experience to take on complex issues of jurisdiction, finance and movement of children.

Christopher has extensive experience in matrimonial finance with substantial assets, often with an international element or involving off-shore or domestic trusts or where criminal confiscation and restraint orders have been made. Having been involved in the leading case on Legal Service Payment Orders, he is much in demand for all types of applications for legal funding orders.

He is one of the leading lights in international child abduction in the country. His case-work involve the Hague 1980 and 1996 Conventions, Wardship and the inherent jurisdiction and the enforcement of foreign orders. He appears both at first instance and appeals: he has appeared in both the CJEU and the UKSC. He also has a considerable practice in relocation and international adoption cases.

He is sought after by solicitors in disputes over the court's jurisdiction to entertain applications for children and divorce; these may involve issues of non-marriage, habitual residence, domicile, forum non conveniens and the maintenance regulation.

He has been Chair of the CALA since 2018 and regularly participates at international conferences. As Chair, he has been involved in extensive consultations about practice and procedure following the President's Guidance and on the post Covid-19 lockdown court environment.

He is an author and contributory editor of 2 chapters of Rayden & Jackson on the Hague 1980 Convention and committal.

He regularly chairs and lectures seminars and conferences on a variety of practice areas. In 2020 topics have included:

- Conduct, Contributions and Pre-acquired Assets after XW v XH
- Non-marriage (Akhter); parens patriae and the inherent jurisdiction (Re N); and the effect of Brexit on family law

In February 2020 Christopher gave evidence to the House of Lords EU Justice Sub-Committee on behalf of the Bar Council on "Civil Justice Co-operation after Brexit. His evidence ranged over both divorce/finance and children.

He is a trustee of CFAB and reviews cases for Advocate.

He sits as Recorder on the NE Circuit and is approved for the Financial Remedies Court. He is a qualified arbitrator in both children (now including international relocation) and money work.

Practice Areas

- Financial Remedies
- International Children Law
- Private Children Law

Dispute Resolution

- Arbitration
- Collaborative Law
- Early Neutral Evaluation

Public Access

- Public Access

Qualifications

- LLB Hons (Sheffield)

History

2021	Appointed Family Deputy High Court Judge
2018	Recorder
2015	Year of Silk
2015	Appointed King's Counsel
1987	Call to the Bar (Inner Temple)

Directories

"Christopher Hames is excellent at cross-examination, very good on the detail and very persuasive. Very hard-working and responsive. He's available to the rest of his legal team and happy to have lots of meeting with the clients in preparation for trial."

Chambers and Partners, 2023

'Christopher is very methodical, good with client and quick on his feet.'

Legal 500 2023, Family (Including Divorce and Financial Remedy)

'Christopher is highly knowledgeable and a stellar advocate. He is a safe pair of hands.'

Legal 500 2023, Children

'He is an extremely talented advocate, and a powerhouse of knowledge concerning cross-border child law. Exceptional on his feet.'

Legal 500, 2022

"His pragmatic and intellectual approach proves to be a winning combination, and his distillation of key issues is a joy for any tribunal." "Christopher is meticulous, thorough, calm and organised when handling domestic violence cases." "He's approachable and respectful in his approach."

Chambers & Partners, 2022

Has a notable international children practice and deep expertise in matters concerning the application of the Hague Convention. His financial practice sees him representing high net worth individuals in divorce proceedings. He wins plaudits for his willingness to get fully involved with a case.

Strengths: "Has excellent technical expertise, particularly in international children law and European regulations." "He's rapidly becoming a go-to for relocation cases as his tactical skill is superb." "Christopher has a reassuring air of authority and gravitas. He is always approachable and willing to help at short notice."

Chambers & Partners, 2021

'Has a unique combination of fighting hard for his client, having a thoughtful and clever strategy and being extremely persuasive and beautifully articulate in court.'

'Combines a very technical and forensic approach with a healthy dollop of pragmatism and a real sense of humanity. He is always impeccably prepared and miles ahead of the game.'

Legal 500 2021, Children

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Strengths: "Christopher is wonderful to work with. He's always incredibly well prepared and he makes sure that he absolutely understands all the peripheral details of a case." "He has the ear of the court and an excellent bedside manner with clients."

Chambers & Partners 2020

'His advocacy is smooth and persuasive.'

Legal 500, 2020

Has a notable international children practice and deep expertise in matters concerning the application of the Hague Convention. His growing financial practice sees him representing high net worth individuals in divorce proceedings with international issues. He wins plaudits for his willingness to get fully involved with a case.

Strengths: "He is a rock upon which you know you can build a solid case. Nothing fazes him. When you have him on your side, you feel that added layer of confidence in the way you would if you had a sword and shield to hand."

Chambers & Partners 2019

'He commands real authority.'

Legal 500, 2019

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Strengths: "He is prepared to go the extra mile. He works long hours and he's willing to pull out all the stops for you and the client. He makes you feel that you're working as a team and he seems genuinely interested in helping the client."

Chambers & Partners 2018

Has a notable international children practice and deep expertise in matters concerning the application of the Hague Convention. His growing financial practice sees him representing high net worth individuals in divorce proceedings. Strengths: "He's easy to work with, relentless in court, fearless, incredibly knowledgeable and very persuasive. A superb advocate."

Recent work: Acted in *Cambra v Jones*, a case concerning the failure to return two children to Spain under the Hague Convention.

Chambers & Partners 2017

Has taken silk this year as a result of his work handling international family law on both the financial and private children side. He is a lawyer who displays forcefulness and tenacity.

Strengths: "He is a master strategist, and has a great analytical mind. He's very eloquent in his advocacy, and is really formidable, ruthless."

Chambers & Partners 2016

Maintains a strong private law children practice, and works in cases relating to residence, relocation and abduction in both Hague and non-Hague jurisdictions.

Expertise: "Brilliant for complex, difficult cases. Great on the attention to detail, he's very thorough, good with clients and highly personable."

Recent work: Instructed before the High Court in a case pertaining to the abduction of five children by their father.

Chambers & Partners 2015

Maintains a fine track in cases concerning cross-jurisdictional issues, child abduction, adoption, abandoned spouses and lawful relocation.

Expertise: "Has excellent knowledge of all areas of family law matters."

Recent work: Recently handled child abduction proceedings in the High Court involving five children, three of whom were returned to Spain.

Chambers & Partners 2014

Christopher Hames focuses his international family law practice on cases concerning child abduction, relocation and cross-jurisdictional disputes. Commentators note that "he cuts straight through to the issues" of the most complex of cases.

Chambers & Partners 2013

Christopher Hames comes highly recommended for his expertise in cross-jurisdictional children expertise. Sources say: "He is a very safe pair of hands and is excellent with clients." Hames is much in demand.

Chambers and Partners 2012

Christopher Hames is highly regarded for cross-jurisdictional children work.

Chambers and Partners 2011

Christopher Hames, who is praised for his handling of Children Act matters.

Chambers and Partners 2010

Legal 500, Leading Junior, 2024

'Lisa is fantastically experienced and an obviously safe pair of hands in complex, highly-sensitive child law cases. She has a straightforward, pragmatic, and sensible approach to difficult cases, and her style of advocacy commands the confidence of judges and counsel alike.'



Chambers and Partners Ranked 1 in UK Bar 2023: Family: Children Profile

Lisa Edmunds is one of the North-West's leading family law barristers. She brings over two decades of experience and expertise in high-level and complex cases. Lisa has the ability to bring strategic planning and goal-setting skills to cases and has proven value as a strategic advisor. She has a reputation for being tough and tenacious in the courtroom however, recognises that all clients and cases are different and sometimes alternative approaches are needed to achieve the end result. Lisa has a proven ability to work collaboratively within a multi-disciplinary group. Lisa is direct access qualified and also offers Early Neutral Evaluation appointments.

Her mission is simple – to get the best possible result for you in the courtroom. Lisa travels around the country appearing at all levels of the Family Court. She undertakes work in all aspects of relationship breakdowns but specialises in cases relating to children and finances. Lisa prides herself on providing outstanding service for her clients.

What makes her unique is that she has been through it herself; a messy divorce, involving 4 children, and she came out the other side – happy, healthy, and focused – so she knows what it takes!

Qualifications

2001 - 2002	Manchester Metropolitan University BVC Outstanding
1998 - 2001	University of Central Lancashire LLB (Hons) Law 2:1

Professional Experience

Legal

2020 - Present	Head of Chambers and Senior Consultant Barrister, Unit Chambers
2016 - 2020	Chavasse Court Chambers, Liverpool
2005 - 2016	7 Harrington Street Chambers, Liverpool
2002 - 2005	Nicholas Street Chambers, Chester

Non-Legal

2020 - Present	CEO of Unit Chambers
2014 - Present	Organiser of various business, social and CPD events
2013 - 2014	Cancer Research - event organiser
2008 - 2010	Trustee of Homestart UK



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Memberships

Member of the Inner Temple
Member of the FLBA
Member of Resolution
Member of Advocate Northern Circuit
Member of the Association of Lawyers for Children

Awards & Nominations

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Legal 500, Leading Junior, 2024
Finalist at Manchester Legal Awards for Junior Barrister of the Year
Finalist at Liverpool Law Society Awards for Outstanding Barrister of the Year
Finalist at Lexis Nexis Family Law Awards 2022 and 2023 for Junior Barrister of the Year

Training

FLBA Vulnerable Witness Training Course

Hobbies

Passionate about sport and exercise. Enjoys cooking and travel.

Reported Cases

- A Local Authority v A and Others [2023] EWFC 34
- A Local Authority v AA and XY [2022] EWFC 153
- The Local Authority v C & F [2022] EWFC 152 (04 July 2022)
- GC v AS (No.2) [2022] EWHC 310 (Fam) (09 February 2022)
- Local Authority v A, B and D [2022] EWFC 23 (18 January 2022)
- Warrington Borough Council v W (Care Proceedings: Jurisdiction) [2021] EWFC 68 (31 August 2021)
- YW (A Child) (Adequacy of Reasons) (Rev1) [2021] EWCA Civ 1174 (30 July 2021)
- Re F and G [2021] EWCA Civ 622
- Re A (Child Abduction: Art 13(b)) [2021] EWCA 328
- Warrington Borough Council v TN (Care Proceedings: Comity) [2020] EWFC 79
- A Local Authority v W & Ors (Finding of Fact Hearing) [2020] EWFC 68
- A Local Authority v W and Ors (Application for Summary Dismissal of Findings) [2020] EWFC 40
- Re D (A Child) [2019] EWCA Civ 2302
- Re S-L (Children: Adjournment) [2019] EWCA Civ 1571
- Re C (A Child) [2008] EWCA Civ 502
- Re T (Children) Appellant [2023] EWCA Civ 1004

What clients say about Lisa

"Lisa and the team at Unit Chambers were outstanding from start to finish. Lisa was always there for me at every step of the way. She worked on my case quickly and with the video conferencing tools available, we were able to stay close and it felt like a very 'personal' service. Would highly recommend."

"Lisa is passionate about her clients and she went above and beyond in our case. Our only regret is that we didn't find her sooner! She is amazing and we cannot thank her enough for her hard work and commitment to us. We had been suffering for a long time with the "system" seemingly working against us. As a result of Lisa's hard work, preparation and persuasion we now feel in a great place and got the result we wanted."

"Lisa and the team put an end to years of stress and sleepless nights. They were simply brilliant and as a result I've now got my life back on track. I'll be forever grateful."

"I had this 'stuffy image' of barristers but Lisa is down to earth, very personal and most importantly she did what she said she was going to do at all stages of the process. Would highly recommend."

"Lisa has the right balance between sympathetic and authoritative. She appraised the situation, facts and documentation very rapidly and was able to quickly cut through and grasp the technical legal points. Her communication, explanations and action made the difference and we feel very fortunate to have found her."

"Never before have I been contacted in the days preceding a hearing by a barrister with the aim of giving help and support in relation to the practicalities of an upcoming hearing. It so happened that the case involved the use of a remote platform, so to be contacted in advance in such a pleasant and civilised way was for me a completely new and most welcome experience. Your thoughtful and kind approach made a real difference, and I greatly appreciated it."

"I confirm that I have worked with Lisa Edmunds on numerous occasions over the years and I have no hesitation in confirming that the work she has carried out on behalf of clients has always been of excellent quality. Her commitment to her clients is above and beyond. She has great understanding of her client's needs and enormous empathy. She has wonderful people skills and can communicate with people from all walks of life and treats them all the same. Lisa will leave no stone unturned and always tries her hardest with every single client. I have no hesitation in recommending Lisa and it is one of the reasons I continue to work with and instruct her. I have great admiration and respect for her."

Discover more testimonials and reviews [here](#).

Why

Lisa's passion and desire to get the right outcome for families stems from when she was 14 and her parents went through a difficult divorce – according to them she has been a fairly skilled barrister and negotiator from a very young age! Add in nearly 20-years of operating at the highest level where she has seen and heard it all. She has learnt that the real issues are not usually about the paperwork and the process – they tend to be about people, relationships and doing the right thing. That's why she will always make it a priority to focus on the points that are going to matter to get the best possible result for you.

What

Lisa is a specialist advocate with nearly two decades of experience in representing clients in court. Her expertise lie both in arguing a case and in cross examining witnesses at trial. In addition, she is often asked to prepare complex legal documents and advise on difficult and sensitive issues. Lisa specialises in the following areas:


- All complex children cases (including experience in all aspects of international relocation and abduction as well as experience with surrogacy and modern families)
- Financial Remedies (with a particular interest in Schedule 1 applications)



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Memberships

The Honourable Society of
Inner Temple

Member of the FLBA

Member of the Northern
Circuit

Interests

Outside of work Bernadette
enjoys music, and spending
time with her horses.

Profile

Bernadette joined Unit Chambers as a Senior Consultant Barrister in April 2023

She has a broad practice including all matters relating to children (both Public and Private Law), Hague Convention cases, and financial remedy proceedings. In addition, she undertakes Court of Protection and DOLs work.

Bernadette is a well-respected and highly sought-after Barrister with over 35 years of experience on the Northern Circuit. She was called to the Bar in 1983 by the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple. She is one of the most reliable, knowledgeable, and persuasive Barristers on Circuit

She practised at Derby Square Chambers for over 20 years before moving to St Johns chambers in Manchester. Most recently Bernadette has been a member of 15 Winckley Square Chambers in Preston.

Practice Areas

- Public Law Children
- Private Law Children
- Hague Convention
- Financial Remedy
- DOLs
- Court of Protection
- Coroner/Inquests

History


2023 - Present	Senior Consultant Barrister, Unit Chambers
2012 - 2023	15 Winckley Square Chambers
2004 - 2012	St Johns Chambers Manchester
1983 - 2004	Derby Square Chambers
1983	Called to the Bar


Qualifications


BA Law and Music



 **Claire Jones**
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Profile

Claire is a well-respected barrister practicing on the Northern and (North) Wales circuits for over 21 years.

Claire began her practice with a mix of Family (private and public law) and Criminal law for 7 years before developing her Criminal practice further for 14 years. Claire defended and prosecuted a wide range of serious criminal cases. Over the 21 years of practice, Claire has developed a substantial and effective tool kit of knowledge, advocacy skills, and client/witness care skills.

Claire has brought this wealth of experience and her significant abilities into the next chapter of her career specialising in Family Law at Unit Chambers. Since joining Chambers, Claire has developed an established public and private law practice where she has represented Local Authorities, parents, children, and interveners.

Professional Experience

2022	Unit Chambers
2001	Chavasse Court Chambers
1999 - 2001	EAD Solicitors as Legal Advisor
1999	Year of Call


Education

1999	The Inns of Court School of Law (Bar Course)
1998	University of Liverpool

Reported Cases


- A Local Authority v F, E, D, A, B and C [2023] EWFC 33



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Memberships

Member of the Association
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Profile

Jennifer was a well-respected family law practitioner for 6 years prior to commencing practice at the bar. Prior to joining Unit Chambers Jennifer was a successful practitioner at AFG Law. Jennifer is known to have a forensic eye when it comes to her case preparation and undertakes all aspects of her advocacy in a calm yet persuasive style and manner.

Jennifer ensures that the client understands every step of the process and has a natural ability to reassure clients at high-stress points in their life. Being proactive is a key element of how Jennifer works and always strives to move cases forward in a fair and collaborative way. She is well respected and has experience and expertise in representing parents, extended family members, children, and interveners. Jennifer appears in all levels of the Family Court.

Jennifer has experience in public proceedings involving issues of chronic neglect, domestic abuse, substance misuse, non-accidental injuries, sexual abuse, and emotional abuse. Jennifer is known for having the requisite skills in representing vulnerable parents. In relation to private law proceedings, Jennifer is regularly instructed in complex cases involving issues of parental alienation and domestic abuse.

Jennifer accepts instructions on behalf of local authorities and parents. Her practice encompasses both public and private children law, which includes:

- Care Proceedings
- Discharge of Care Orders
- Child Arrangement Orders (spend time with/live with orders)
- Applications for Special Guardianship Orders
- Representation of children subject to rule 16.4
- Fact Finding Hearings
- Applications for Special Guardianship Orders
- Adoption Applications
- Leave to Oppose Adoption Applications/Leave to Revoke Placement Orders
- Injunctive Relief (Non-molestation and Occupation Orders)


Qualifications

2021	Higher Rights of Audience (Civil)
2011	Law Society Accreditation for Children's Law
2010	BPTC (Dean of Faculty's Award for first place in cohort)
2008	LLB (Hons)

Professional Experience


2022 - Present	Consultant Barrister, Unit Chambers
2017 - 2022	Associate Solicitor, AFG Law
2016	Assistant Solicitor, Merrick Solicitors
2015 - 2016	Assistant Solicitor, WHN Solicitors



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Memberships

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Circuit

Profile

Kristine has been a well-respected Family Law practitioner for over 30 years, having spent 30 years as a solicitor practising mainly in Cheshire. Kristine is known to conduct her cases with tenacity and thoroughness and has an analytic approach and a keen eye for material detail.

Kristine has a calm manner giving much reassurance to clients and assisting them to give their best at a very stressful time in their lives. Kristine is proactive and collaborative in her approach to a case. Kristine values fairness within proceedings but is not afraid to tackle difficult issues and give clients frank and realistic advice.

Kristine's primary areas of practice are Public Law and Private Law Children's proceedings and related applications.

Qualifications

2020	Year of Call
2008	University of Chester Master's Degree Business Administration
2002	Law Society Children Panel accreditation continuously until 2020 (transfer to the Bar)
1990	Admitted to the role as a Solicitor
1988	The College of Law (Chester) Solicitors Final Exam
1986	Liverpool University BSc (Hons) Zoology

Professional Experience

Legal

2022 - Present	Consultant Barrister, Unit Chambers
2022	Awarded Red Bag
2016 - 2020	Self-employed Solicitor Agent and Advocate
2011 - 2016	Head of Care Department at Hall Smith Whittingham, Crewe
2005 - 2011	Self-employed Solicitor Agent and Advocate
1995 - 2005	Head of Department and Salaried Partner at Dixons, Winsford
1194 - 1995	Locum work at Dixons Winsford, Chambers Fletcher Partnership, Northwich and Howell Jones, Llanwrst
1990 - 1994	Smith Whittingham Solicitors
1988 - 1990	Bell and Joynton Solicitors

Training

FLBA Vulnerable Witness Training Course

Reported Cases

- Local Authority v D and E [2021] EWFC 114 (06 July 2021)



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Memberships

The Honourable Society of
the Middle Temple

Resolution First

FLBA

Interests

Walks in the countryside,
reading and art.

Profile

Kim is a successful, results driven and well respected family law specialist in Financial Remedy Proceedings, Private Children Law proceedings and Domestic Abuse.

Kim accepts instructions on financial matters such as FDAs, FDRs, interim and Final Hearings.

Kim has vast experience in Children Act proceedings, accepting instructions on Child Arrangement Orders: live with/spend time with, Specific Issue Orders such as school or religious matters, Prohibited Steps Orders, Grandparents' Rights, Special Guardianship Orders and Enforcement Applications.

Kim also accepts instructions in respect of non molestation/occupation orders and finding of fact hearings.

Prior to joining Unit Chambers, Kim was a Senior Associate Family Law Practitioner with over 14 years PQE at Morecrofts LLP Solicitors and joins us with a wealth of legal knowledge in her specialist areas, including over 16 years Advocacy experience in Court.

Kim is described as pragmatic, honest and realistic in her approach with excellent people skills. Kim has a real focus on obtaining the best possible outcome for clients using her knowledge of the law and persuasive arguments during such sensitive and complex matters.

Qualifications

2023	Called to the Bar - Barrister
2009	Qualified Solicitor
2008 - 2009	The College of Law, Chester - Professional Skills Course
2004 - 2006	The College of Law, Chester - Legal Practice Course
2000 - 2003	University of Central Lancashire, BA (Hons) Law with Criminology

Professional Experience


Legal


Jan 2024 - Present	Consultant Barrister, Unit Chambers
July 2017 - 2023	Senior Associate Solicitor, Morecrofts Solicitors LLP
2009-2017	Multiple years of experience at law firms across the North West


Non Legal


	School Governor
2021 - Present	Mentor at LJM University Law Clinic
Present	



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Interests

Loves spending time with her family, especially her two young children.

Profile

Before completing pupillage at Unit Chambers and becoming a Consultant Barrister, Lyana was a local authority solicitor for fourteen years working in a busy legal department for children's services. As a result, she has an in-depth and dynamic knowledge of the workings of social services, practices, policies regulations, governance, and good practice.

Lyana has a fantastic ability to communicate with lay and professional clients. She is a strategic thinker and has an outstanding ability to think of alternative solutions to problems.

During her pupillage, Lyana has developed key strengths in preparing core documents required for the court process. In addition, she has finessed her advocacy skills, with a particular focus on cross-examination, to ensure her clients' interests and rights are fairly and properly represented.

Under the supervision of the experienced Unit Chambers barristers, Lyana has stood out as an effective and passionate advocate with outstanding skills in legal research and case preparation.

Lyana is a team player at Unit Chambers. She regularly contributes to the internal 'Education Hour' by producing user-friendly crib sheets. In addition, she has presented to over 80 solicitors at a recent education workshop.

Lyana is currently a mentor at the Staffordshire University Mentoring Scheme, providing guidance and support to aspiring legal professionals.

Lyana is now accepting instructions on behalf of local authorities and parents. Her practice encompasses both public and private children law, which includes:

- Child Arrangement Orders (spend time with/live with orders)
- Applications for Prohibited Steps Orders and Specific Issue Orders
- Fact Finding Hearings
- Applications for Special Guardianship Orders
- Care Proceedings
- Discharge of Care Orders
- Adoption Applications/Leave to Oppose Adoption Applications/Leave to Revoke Placement Orders
- Injunctive Relief (Non-molestation and Occupation Orders)

Qualifications

2016	BPP University, London, Bar Transfer Test
2001 - 2002	The College of Law, Christleton, Legal Practice Course
1998 - 2001	Staffordshire University, LLB (Hons)

Professional Experience

Legal

2020 - Present	Consultant Barrister, Unit Chambers
2006 - 2020	Assistant Solicitor. Knowsley Council, Merseyside
2004 - 2006	Trainee Solicitor, Gamlins Solicitors, North Wales
2002 - 2004	Paralegal, Emmanuel Solicitors, North Wales



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Interests

Enjoys cooking, socialising,
fitness and martial arts such
as Thai boxing and Brazilian
jiu-jitsu.

Profile

Amjad was called to the Bar in 2018 and joined Unit Chambers as a Consultant Barrister in November 2021 following the completion of a 12-month pupillage at Unit Chambers under the supervision of Lisa Edmunds. Throughout his pupillage, Amjad has stood out as a bright, empathetic, and confident advocate with outstanding skills in legal research, drafting, and the presentation of complex legal and factual arguments.

Since joining Unit Chambers as a Consultant Barrister, Amjad has developed a busy practice in both public and private children law representing Local Authorities and parents. Amjad often accepts instructions for cases involving a wide spectrum of issues such as neglect, non-accidental injuries, domestic abuse, alcohol and substance misuse, trafficking, and honour-based abuse.

Before pupillage at Unit Chambers, Amjad worked in the family department of MSB Solicitors. This enabled Amjad to learn and develop key skills that every family law practitioner requires. He has a natural ability to support clients, build a strong rapport, and a good working relationship with them. Amjad ensures that excellent client care is at the heart of his decision-making. He has a proven ability to listen to and relate with clients from different backgrounds.

Amjad is a team player at Unit Chambers. He regularly contributes to the internal 'Education Hour' sessions as well as writing articles for chambers and delivering presentations to solicitors through Unit Chambers' workshops.

Amjad is now accepting instructions on behalf of local authorities and parents. His practice encompasses both public and private children law which includes:

- Care and Supervision Orders
- Interim Care Orders and Removal
- Section 8 Orders (CAO, PSO, SIO)
- Fact-Finding Hearings
- Occupation Orders
- Non-Molestation Orders
- Forced Marriage
- FGM Protection Order

In addition to his current portfolio, Amjad has a keen interest to build and expand his practice to include cases which feature a number of niche areas including honour-based violence and abuse, human trafficking and international child abduction.

Qualifications


2017 - 2018

| Northumbria University (BPTC)

2014 - 2017


| Newcastle University (LLB)



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Memberships

The Honourable Society of
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The Northern Circuit

The Family Law Bar
Association (FLBA)*

Profile

Callum joined Unit Chambers in September 2022 following completion of his pupillage at a Chambers in Manchester. Prior to that, Callum was a paralegal at a local family law firm for several years.

Since joining Unit Chambers, Callum has developed a busy practice in public and private children law across the Merseyside and Cheshire areas. Callum appears before Magistrates, District, Circuit and High Court Judges and is frequently instructed to represent a range of clients from those with complex additional needs to local authority social workers and guardians. He is known for delivering robust advice in cases involving complex and sensitive issues. In addition, Callum is regularly asked to assist and advise local authorities on matters involving evidentiary and threshold issues.

Callum accepts instructions on behalf of local authorities, parents/grandparents and children's guardians in matters including but not limited to:

- Care and Supervision Orders;
- Adoption;
- Discharge of Care Orders;
- Special Guardianship Orders;
- Secure Accommodation / Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DOLS);
- Section 8 Orders (Child Arrangement; Prohibited Steps; Specific Issue);
- Injunctive Relief (Non-molestation; Occupation orders);
- Finding of Fact Hearings.

Testimonials

"Callum is able to pick up a case quickly, grasp the issues quickly and run with it without fuss or drama. As a local authority lawyer I have found his clear attendance notes and advice on how to further progress a case very helpful. He has a good understanding of the pressures under which local authority lawyers work."
- Local Authority Solicitor

"Working with Callum was wonderfully straightforward both in terms of preparing the case for final hearing, the final hearing itself and the post-hearing aftercare. It felt very much like a team effort from start to finish and I knew immediately that my client was in a very safe pair of hands".
- Carla Williams, Bromleys

Qualifications

2022	Qualified Mediator – Phoenix Dispute Solutions & International Mediation Institute
2021	BPC LLM – University of Law
2020	LLB – University of Liverpool


Professional Experience

2022 - Present	Consultant Barrister, Unit Chambers
2021 - 2022	Pupil Barrister, Cobden House Chambers
2019 - 2021	Family Law Paralegal, BDH Solicitors
2016 - 2018	Group Litigation Paralegal, SPG Law

Reported Cases


- A Council v The Mother & Ors. [2023] EWFC 37: represented a Local Authority at a hearing to consider the merits of continuing care proceedings and a 5-day composite final hearing in a single-issue case involving inconclusive medical evidence of an alleged non-accidental injury. Read the full judgment [here](#)



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Memberships

Member of Middle Temple

Member of the FLBA

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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.



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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 from experts. At NYAS, Bella represented clients (lay and professional) in hearings; drafted position statements, schedules of allegations, orders, and applications, and was regularly called upon by colleagues to assist on cases that required careful client care or dealt with in complicated areas of law. More recently, Bella developed a system that 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 a 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 the ability to quickly build rapport with clients from all backgrounds, identify their needs and provide stellar client care.

Bella won the Rising Star Award from the Liverpool Law Society's Annual Dinner and Legal Awards.


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]



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Memberships

Society of Labour Lawyers
Family Law Bar Association

Profile

Adam was called to the Bar in 2018 and completed pupillage in 2023. Prior to commencing pupillage Adam worked for two leading personal injury firms in the North West working on cases involving significant and catastrophic injuries.

Adam has been praised by clients for his methodical and effective case management whilst providing a compassionate and tailored approach. Adam appears regularly for Local Authorities, parents, children's guardians, and intervenors such as grandparents.

Adam's practice areas include:

- Public law
- Private law
- TOLATA
- Ancillary relief
- Court of Protection and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards.

Adam also undertakes pro bono work through organisations such as Advocate and Not Beyond Redemption. Adam is happy to undertake work nationally and prides himself on a quick turnaround for work done on papers.

Outside of work Adam is an enthusiastic runner and enjoys going to live music concerts and the theatre with friends and family. He's also a regular visitor to Old Trafford where he enjoys watching Manchester United in action!

Testimonials

"Adam [...] represented me, at my final hearing in my family law case. Adam was exemplary, his approach was methodical and he demonstrated an outstanding cross examination. My case was managed effectively, ensuring dignity and respect was maintained when it was not reciprocated continuously, in court

Adam is studious in nature, over shadowed the opposing barrister, who had considerable experience. I would like to thank Adam for his kindness during an intense two day hearing. Adam was compassionate and attentive to me, as his client."


Scholarships


2013 | Liverpool John Moores University Community Excellence
Scholarship


Education


2016 | Liverpool John Moores University, Law (LLB)
2018 | Manchester Metropolitan University, Bar Professional Training
Course



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Memberships

Member of the Inner Temple

Fellow of the Chartered
Institute of Legal Executives

Interests

Emily enjoys wild water swimming and baking. She's set herself the challenge of hiking the 15 highest peaks in North Wales in 2023.

Profile

Prior to pupillage with Unit Chambers, Emily was employed by Wirral Borough Council as a Child Protection Lawyer. This enabled her to gain experience in both contested and uncontested matters. Before that, Emily was a Family Law Advocate at BDH Solicitors and was in private practice for several years. Emily has significant knowledge in both public and private law, from all sides of proceedings. This includes care, discharge of care, adoption, recovery, deprivation of liberty, domestic abuse and child arrangements. She has appeared before Magistrates, District, Circuit and High Court Judges and prides herself on her thoroughness and ability to create positive professional relationships with clients.

Qualifications


2019	Admitted as a CILEx Litigator and Advocate in Family Proceedings (FCILEx Advocate)
2017	Admitted as a Chartered Legal Executive (FCILEx)
2014	Professional Diploma in Law and Practice (GCILEx)
2010	Diploma in Law and Practice (ACILEx)

Professional Experience

Legal


June 2023 - Present	Consultant Barrister, Unit Chambers
2020 - June 2023	Child Protection Lawyer, Wirral Borough Council
2018 - 2020	Chartered Legal Executive Advocate (Family Law), BDH Solicitors
2016 - 2018	Chartered Legal Executive (Family Law), Kirwans Solicitors
2015-2016	Legal Clerk (Family Law), FPH Law
2014-2015	Paralegal (Clinical Negligence), Lees Solicitors LLP
2008-2014	Office and Development Assistant (Civil Litigation), Brunswicks LLP



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Memberships

The Honourable Society of
the Middle Temple

Merseyside Junior Lawyers
Division

Interests

Enjoys dancing, long walks
with her dog, baking, reading
and travelling.

Profile

Prior to pupillage at Unit Chambers, Isabel worked as a paralegal in Liverpool. This enabled Isabel to gain experience handling her own high-volume case load and progressing each case from start to finish, achieving the best outcomes for each client and providing exceptional client care whilst doing so. Isabel engaged with a wide cross section of society in her employment and has strong interpersonal skills as a result, allowing her to confidently build rapport with her clients and adapt her approach to suit their individual needs.

During the BTC, Isabel volunteered as a member of the pro-bono project Streetlaw to provide legal education to a range of community groups. This demonstrates Isabel's commitment to access to justice for all and assisting those in need, and evidences her ability to clearly explain complex legal concepts in understandable terms. The experiences and skills which Isabel has developed through her voluntary endeavours and her employment have equipped her for a seamless transition to pupillage.

As she progresses in her career at the Bar, Isabel is keen to develop her practice in all areas of family law. She has a particular interest in financial remedies, as well as public and private children.


Qualifications

2021 - 2022	BPP University Manchester - Bar Practice Course with Legal Masters (BPC LLM) – Very Competent (BPC) and Distinction (LLM)
2018 - 2021	Newcastle University – Law (LLB) – First Class Honours

Scholarships


- Newcastle University - Stanley Dennison Scholarship - Awarded for high academic achievement
- Newcastle University - Routledge Prize - Awarded by the board of examiners in law for the best overall performance within the cohort
- Newcastle University - J H Rennoldson Prize - Awarded based on merit



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Interests

Enjoys training for marathons
in her spare time and taking
part in SoulCycle spin
classes.

Profile

Prior to pupillage at Unit Chambers, Claudia completed a number of mini pupillages at Deans Court Chambers, Kings Chambers, 15 Winckley Square and Exchange Chambers and was a marshal at Manchester Crown Court.

These opportunities enabled Claudia to gain significant experience, engaging with a wide cross section of society and has strong interpersonal skills as a result, allowing her to confidently build rapport with her clients and adapt her approach to suit their individual needs.

Whilst at university, Claudia undertook a number of leadership roles including Moots Officer at Cambridge University Human Rights Law Society, Mentor at the Pembroke College Cambridge Law Society and College Representative at the Cambridge University Intercollegiate Debating Society.

As she progresses in her career at the Bar, Claudia is keen to develop her practice in all areas of family law.

Qualifications

2022 - 2023 Bar Training Course (BTC Masters), BPP Law School, Manchester

2019 - 2022 BA (Hons) Law, University of Cambridge

Scholarships & Awards

- Brick Court Chambers Scholarship - Middle Temple
- Bronze Pro Bono Award - University of Cambridge
- Woodcocks Solicitors Law Prize - Bacup and Rawtenstall Grammar School

Testimonials

4.9 ★★★★★ 35 reviews
Reviews aren't verified. ⓘ

"Unit Chambers are extremely efficient, approachable, dependable, professional and helpful. I find their clerking to be second to none with all clerks being extremely prompt in responding to queries etc. The offering at Unit is exceptional and all barristers I have used have gone above and beyond for me and my clients. All at Unit perform to a very high level and the legal services delivered are exceptional. I cannot recommend Unit Chambers enough."

Sarah McCarthy, Solicitor

"Unit Chambers was recommended to me by my solicitor. Lisa Edmunds became my legal advisor at the time when I was about to give up with the court case. Not only did she take over, removing a big chunk of burden off my shoulders, but also she gave me hope, courage and positive guidance throughout the process. Lisa's experience and expertise brought clarity as of what I could expect and anything she predicted, did in fact happen in the courts. I would wholeheartedly recommend Unit Chambers and especially Lisa."

Client

"Huge thanks to Lisa and the whole team for how incredibly hospitable and welcoming Unit Chambers were during a in chambers trial. The Unit family made us feel at home. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with Unit Chambers, their work ethic is exceptional and I will be instructing their barristers again as soon as I am able."

Emma Jones, Solicitor

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