



Eleanor Lake

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Overview

Eleanor has a broad practice in Regulatory, Housing, Criminal, PI and Family Law and accepts instructions in all areas commensurate to her year of call.

Prior to joining the bar, Eleanor had a successful career within Warwickshire County Council Trading Standards Service. She investigated a number of high-profile complex fraud cases resulting in substantial custodial sentences and Proceeds of Crime Act awards.

Practice Areas

Regulatory

In her former career as a Trading Standards Officer, Eleanor spent over a decade advising and enforcing in complex regulatory matters. She has a detailed knowledge of investigatory procedures such as RIPA and PACE, and during her second six months of pupillage provided training to enforcement officers on the CPIA disclosure requirements.

Eleanor has an in-depth knowledge of all areas of consumer protection legislation, including the Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008 and has practical experience of combining technical breaches with the more serious offence of Fraudulent Trading. As a qualified Inspector, Eleanor obtained a detailed knowledge of the technical requirements of European Food Standards, Product Safety, Legal Metrology and Intellectual Property and can translate her previous experience into practical advice when prosecuting or defending in these areas.

During her second six, Eleanor has represented Local Authorities in Proceeds of Crime Act proceedings in Crown Court, prosecuted Environmental Health, Trading Standards and Education Act matters in the Magistrates' Court, and advised the police in cash forfeiture and closure order matters. She looks forward to further developing her regulatory practice.

Housing

Whilst under the supervision of Michael Singleton, Eleanor has experienced a range of housing work including:

- Anti-social behaviour and noise nuisance

- Contempt and committal
- Disrepair
- Mental Capacity Act and Mental Health Act considerations
- Rental arrears
- Trespass

She has recently appeared in a case representing a social landlord, obtaining an outright possession order where there had been a long history of anti-social behaviour. She successfully argued for time to be abridged and personal service to be dispensed with in circumstances where the housing association had had significant difficulties in serving the defendants.

Eleanor is regularly instructed to draft statements of case in housing possession cases, particularly in defending disrepair claims.

Criminal

Eleanor undertook a criminal first-six pupillage under the guidance of Rebecca Wade. She was required to draft advices, cross-examinations and case summaries in a wide range of cases.

In her second-six, Eleanor has prosecuted and defended in Proceeds of Crime Act proceedings in the Crown Court, prosecuted private prosecutions and defended in the Magistrates' Court, and represented defendants in appeals against conviction in the Crown Court.

Eleanor's background as an investigator ensures that she has detailed knowledge of investigatory procedures such as RIPA, CPIA and PACE which enables her to quickly identify any procedural failings when prosecuting or defending.

Public Law Children

During her second six, Eleanor received instructions in public family law matters, commensurate with her year of call, representing local authorities, parents and children.

Private Law Children

Eleanor is instructed in both private and public family work. She appears for both applicants and respondents and conducts a wide variety of family advocacy. Eleanor's practice covers the full range of private law children's cases from first hearings, to fact-finding hearings and final contested hearings.

Personal Injury

Eleanor regularly appears for both the claimant and the defendant in a variety of small claims hearings including road traffic accidents, personal injury claims and credit hire. She is well versed in the complex case law surrounding credit hire and accepts instructions in all areas.

During pupillage Eleanor has appeared at a variety of interim and disposal hearings for claims which have left the pre-action protocol. Eleanor continues to accept instructions in all areas commensurate to her call.

Qualifications

Bar Professional Training Course, University of Law, Birmingham, Outstanding, July 2016

Diploma in Consumer Affairs and Trading Standards, (Fair Trading Civil, Intellectual Property, Consumer Credit, Fair Trading Criminal, Food Standards, Product Safety, Legal Metrology) Chartered Trading Standards Institute, 2010-2012.

LLB Law with European Legal Studies, University of Reading, 2:1, 2005.

Awards/Scholarships

University of Law, Overall Best BPTC Student, 2016

University of Law, Highest Mark BPTC in Civil Litigation, 2016

University of Law, Highest Mark BPTC in Advocacy, 2016

Middle Temple, Certificate of Honour and Baron Dr Ver Heyden de Lancey Prize, awarded in recognition of being the top Middle Templar to complete the BPTC at the University of Law, Birmingham in 2016.

Middle Temple, Blackstone Scholar, 2014

Memberships

Middle Temple

Chartered Trading Standards Institute

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