



Emma Kelly

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Overview

Emma accepts instructions in all of Chambers' areas of practice. Emma has experienced a wide variety of civil claims in both business and property, and social housing, acting for local authorities, housing associations, tenants and private companies and landlords.

Emma has experience acting in all areas of family law, including case management hearings, financial dispute resolution appointments, and contested final hearings.

Emma is a level 1 prosecutor and has experience defending clients in a range of matters. Emma is a robust advocate who is not afraid to fight her client's corner.

Emma takes a creative and analytical approach to cases, always ensuring she is well-prepared. She has an ability to put clients at ease quickly and is a reassuring presence both inside and outside of court.

Emma has a First-Class degree in Business Management as well as the Graduate Diploma in Law (outstanding) that led her to her Bar Course Training.

Practice Areas

Housing

Emma regularly represents Landlords, Local Authorities and registered providers of Social Housing in a wide variety of disputes.

This includes possession proceedings, injunctions, committals, disposal hearings and disrepair. Emma also regularly advises on disrepair matters including drafting 6.3 response letters and Defences. Emma is also available to provide drafting services in the other aforementioned areas.

Business & Property

Emma completed a business degree before converting to Law and pursuing her career at the Bar. This exposure to the

reality of business gives her a good grounding in the commercial reality for business clients. Emma has experience in making applications in commercial cases such as successfully setting aside Judgment made in Default against her client and successfully opposing applications to set aside Judgment obtained by her client in debt claim proceedings.

Emma has represented private Landlord and tenants in both commercial and residential possession proceedings and application hearings. She also has experience in in TOLATA matters.

Personal Injury

Emma has experience in representing clients in Road Traffic Accidents, Stage Three hearings and Infant Settlement hearings.

Emma has experience dealing with Road Traffic Accident trials, and is capable of ensuring the client's case is properly put to the Judge, both through cross-examination and submissions.

Family - Finance

Emma is really keen to develop her practice in Family Finance matters. Emma has experience in First Dispute Appointments and First Dispute Resolution Appointments as well as Preliminary Issue hearings. Emma has a personable approach to clients in what can be incredibly stressful proceedings. This approach ensures calm and considered advice yet robust submissions, ensuring her client's instructions are properly advanced in Court.

Public Law Children

Emma has conducted a variety of hearings and is keen to develop her practice in this area. Emma has experience in representing Local Authorities and Parents in Part 25 Applications, Case Management Hearings and Final Hearings. Emma has been instructed on cases raising issues such as serious or non-accidental injury to children (ICO); chronic neglect; physical harm; drug and alcohol misuses; parents with limited cognitive functioning; contest applications to appoint experts and/or testing.

Private Law Children

Emma has had a variety of experience in Private Children work since being on her feet. This includes instructions for hearings at all stages in proceedings, including contested final hearings. Emma has a good manner with clients and is able to support them through the Court process.

Criminal

Emma has quickly developed a busy practice prosecuting and defending in the Crown Court.

Emma has experience of defending in serious Crown Court trials. She is known for having an engaging and persuasive court room manner and is a reassuring presence for clients both in and out of Court.

Emma is a thorough and well-prepared advocate committed to getting the best results for her clients.

Cases

R v OC

Emma represented a Defendant acquitted of Possession with intent to supply 0.5 kilograms of cannabis.

R v SB

Successful application to vacate plea, entered when the client was represented by another, in a complex matter.

R v CP

Emma represented a Defendant for offences of dangerous driving and numerous other driving offences. A custodial sentence was avoided, and a suspended sentence imposed following Emma's tactical decision to call a live character witness.

Qualifications

BA Hons Business Management with Hospitality (Placement Year), First Class, 2019

Graduate Diploma in Law, Outstanding, 2020

Bar Practice Course, Very Competent, 2021

Level One CPS Prosecutor, 2022

Awards & Scholarships

Lord Steen Scholarship from Gray's Inn, 2020

Dean's Award for Academic Excellence from the University of Law, 2020

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