



Lachlan Stewart

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Overview

Lachlan has a mixed common law practice and accepts instructions in all areas of Chambers' expertise. Lachlan is committed to ensuring that practical and efficient solutions are reached to achieve his clients' goals.

Prior to starting pupillage Lachlan completed an Amicus internship with the Arizona Capital Representation Project centred around improving the state's death row representation. He has also volunteered with a Columbian NGO aimed at improving child prosperity aged 0-5. These experiences have given him a calm perspective with which to tackle any legal problem.

Practice Areas

Family - Finance

Lachlan has gained a variety of experience in financial remedy proceedings since being on his feet. He seeks to be a calming presence in what can be stressful proceedings, while ensuring his client's goals are achieved.

He has represented clients at FDAs, FDRs, review hearings and contested final hearings. At a final hearing, he achieved a finding in a 'needs case' that his client's foreign property was to be treated as non-matrimonial and so ring-fenced from the pot. Lachlan also has experience dealing with enforcement of consent orders and maintenance pending suit and legal services order applications.

Public Law Children

Lachlan has conducted a wide variety of hearings including contested interim removal applications, case management hearings, Issue Resolution Hearings, Part 25 applications and a final hearing. Lachlan has appeared on behalf of parents, children (through their Children's Guardian) and has significant experience for his call in representing local authorities.

Lachlan has been instructed to act in cases in which the following issues were dealt with:

- serious non-accidental injury to children
- chronic neglect
- domestic violence

- drug and alcohol misuse
- parents with limited cognitive functioning
- applications to discharge care orders
- contested adoption orders

Criminal

Lachlan is a resolute advocate who will fight his side's corner. He has a clear and relaxed manner when advising and representing clients in all types of proceedings. His careful consideration of cases ensures the best presentation possible is achieved. Lachlan is regularly instructed by the prosecution and defence in the Crown Court.

Lachlan is keen to develop his practice in relation to Modern Slavery offences and white collar crime, having been led in a 6-week multi-handed trial in this field.

Lachlan has appeared in a number of POCA hearings and is looking to grow his practice in this area.

Lachlan also has experience appearing in Youth Court trials, having recently defended a youth who was accused of robbery at machete point.

Housing

Lachlan has represented both tenants and landlords across a spectrum of housing disputes, including:

- Injunctions
- Committals
- Possession proceedings
- Disrepair
- Associated interlocutory hearings

Lachlan is conscious as to how capacity issues, allegations of discrimination, Equality Act and Public Law challenges impact these areas. Lachlan also provides drafting and advice services in relation to all of the above areas.

Business & Property

Lachlan is a determined individual who is looking to expand his experience in the areas of Business & Property. For example, he has recently advised a local authority as to their potential liability for a claim against them in respect of professional negligence, GDPR breaches and misuse of private information.

Lachlan has represented clients in relation to applications under the Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act 1996.

Lachlan has also acted in contractual disputes and bankruptcy & insolvency matters. He has represented financial institutions and major household name businesses.

Lachlan has extensive experience of procedural matters including applications related to summary judgment, strike-out, default judgment and injunctions.

Regulatory

Lachlan is well positioned to grow his regulatory practice. He has the skills of a criminal advocate combined with the analytical eye that a civil practice brings. He welcomes all regulatory instructions commensurate to his call.

Personal Injury

Lachlan appears for Claimants and Defendants alike across a spectrum of personal injury cases, ranging from Fast Track Trials and RTA Stage 3 Disposal Hearings, through to Small Claims Trials and associated interlocutory hearings.

Lachlan is also experienced in credit hire disputes and RTA (damage only claims).

Lachlan is conscious of the commercial realities of this field and strives to ensure cost efficient outcomes for his clients.

Qualifications

Level 2 CPS prosecutor

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