

Callan Withers

(2025) Pupil

Specialist Areas

Private Law Children: Residence and Contact

Employment & Discrimination

Chancery and Commercial

Property

Out of Court Solutions (NCDR)

Who is Callan Withers?

Callan joined Chambers as a Pupil in October 2025. During his pupillage, Callan has been supervised by Sara Chalk, experiencing all aspects of family law ranging from private children matters and ancillary relief to care proceedings.

Callan was called to the Bar in March 2025, having achieved an overall 'Distinction' on the BTC, with grades of 'Distinction' in advocacy, civil litigation, criminal litigation, and opinion writing.

Before joining chambers, Callan worked as a County Court advocate and took instructions in a variety of civil practice areas including property law disputes, chancery and commercial matters, and personal injury. It was during this time that Callan was noted by County Court Judges for his advocacy and professionalism.

Prior to this, Callan worked with Coram IAC gaining experience in international adoption law. Callan has also worked in employment and discrimination law through his role as a volunteer trade union representative for CAIWU. Alongside his barrister training, Callan worked with Goldman Sachs and the University of Oxford to provide business growth to opportunities to over two thousand UK based small businesses.

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No.18 Chambers is a distinguished set of barristers based in Southampton, recognised for its strong reputation and presence across the South Coast of England. Our expertise cover a range of practice areas, including Family Law (Care Proceedings and Adoption, Private Law Children, Matrimonial Finance), Employment, Chancery and Commercial Law, Property Disputes, together with Dispute Resolution and Mediation. Our members are committed to delivering expert legal advice and representation to clients nationwide, offering extensive experience in handling both complex and sensitive matters.



Legal Expertise

For more information or to get in touch with Holly please contact the clerks room who will be happy to assist you.

Public Law Children: Care Proceedings and Adoption

Holly has experience primarily of public children law, having worked within a Local Authority. She would assist solicitors in her team by undertaking detailed casework and liaising with the court, other parties and external agencies. She also had experience of drafting applications and utilising the HMCTS portal.

Holly has represented the Local Authority she worked for at a Discharge of Care Order hearing in front of Magistrates, and would regularly attend Family Court hearings alongside solicitors and barristers in order to gain knowledge and provide practical admin support.

Private Law Children: Residence and Contact

Callan's main area of practice is Family Law. During pupillage, Callan has been able to gain experience in all aspects of family law. Callan has a specific interest in family finance and public & private child law.

Through his work with Coram IAC, Callan assisted in processing adoptions from both Hague and non-Hague compliant countries. Callan specialised in India based adoptions, but also oversaw adoptions from the USA, South Africa, as well as a number of kinship adoptions.

As a County Court Advocate, Callan was also instructed on a number of infant settlement personal injury cases.

Private Law Children: Contact and Residence Disputes Under the Children Act 1989

Domestic Violence & Injunctions

Employment & Discrimination

Alongside his studies, Callan also acted as a volunteer trade union representative for CAIWU. He represented members through a number of employment law disputes, including unlawful pay deductions and unfair dismissals.



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Chancery and Commercial

As a County Court Advocate, Callan was instructed on a variety of civil law matters including: contractual disputes, summary judgements, applications to restore proceedings, applications to set aside judgements and applications to suspend warrants of execution.

Callan also has notable experience from taking instructions on a number of insolvency and asset recovery matters including: bankruptcy proceedings, charging orders, return of goods, and applications to set aside statutory demands.

Property

Callan has been instructed on a range of property law matters including: mortgage possessions, applications to suspend warrants of possession, LPA receiver hearings and residential landlord and tenant matters.

Out of Court Solutions (NCDR)

Single Joint Advices/Early Neutral Evaluation
Round Table Meetings/Joint Conferences
Merits, Advice, Drafting And Support Package



Professional Info

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Qualifications

Bar Professional Training Course, BPP Law School, Distinction

Membership

Lincoln's Inn

Personal Info

Outside of Chambers, Callan enjoys sailing, hiking and travelling. Callan is also a music fanatic and hosted his own radio show whilst completing his undergraduate studies.
