

Elicia Davis

(2017) Barrister

Specialist Areas

Public Law Children: Care Proceedings and Adoption

Private Law Children: Residence and Contact

Family: Finance

Immigration

Out of Court Solutions (NCDR)



Who is Elicia Davis?

Elicia joined chambers as a tenant in July 2024, after successful completion of pupillage under the supervision of Tracey Hennessey, Head of Chambers, and Laura Baines. During pupillage and since joining chambers, Elicia regularly practices in all areas of family law including private and public children work and financial remedies.

Prior to commencing pupillage, Elicia gained a wealth of experience in all areas of immigration law working for the Home Office in a number of roles, most notably as a Presenting Officer, conducting over 2000 appeals on behalf of the Secretary of State for the Home Department at the First Tier Immigration Tribunal.

Elicia is committed to ensuring access to justice for all. Prior to coming to the Bar, Elicia volunteered at a number of pro bono legal organisations including Advocate, Support through Court, National Centre for Domestic Violence and Lawyers in the Soup Kitchen, where she was the director of the organisation overseeing the running of the weekly law clinic. Elicia has continued to build upon this strong foundation of pro bono work, by completing her pupil pledge with Advocate, through whom she regularly assists those without the financial means secure legal representation and advice on the legal issues they face.

Elicia has been commended as being a pragmatic and diligent advocate, who strives to obtain the best outcome for her clients. Her interpersonal skills have enabled her to efficiently negotiate with opponents and litigants in person, ensuring matters are handled with the due care and attention the often sensitive matters of family law require.

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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 Elicia please contact the clerks room who will be happy to assist you.

Public Law Children: Care Proceedings and Adoption

During pupillage, Elicia gained considerable knowledge and experience in all areas of public children law. She has experience in drafting case summaries and position statements, and has been commended with her efficient submission of draft orders in public children work.

Elicia is looking forward to expanding her practice in public children work, and accepts instructions from any party at short notice for urgent hearings such as EPO's and ICO's.

Elicia has a calm demeanour and is able to build an empathetic rapport with clients which assists in dealing with these sensitive matters.

Private Law Children: Residence and Contact

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

Elicia frequently represents applicants and respondents in applications made under Section 8 of the Children Act 1989. Elicia has significant experience in applications for Child Arrangements Orders, Prohibited Steps Orders, Specific Issue Orders and Special Guardianship Orders.

Elicia has represented clients from initial hearings through to contested final hearings. This includes matters involving domestic abuse, vulnerable parties, allegations of parental alienation, and those which have required the involvement of the Local Authority and/or Children's Guardians.

As well as representing parents, Elicia also has experience in representing children through their Guardians under 16.4 of the Family Procedure Rules.

Elicia is able to use her extensive knowledge of immigration law to assist clients in private children matters where the immigration status of a party or child is a key feature in proceedings.

In her role as Director of Lawyers in the Soup Kitchen, Elicia gained a wealth of experience in Private Law child contact proceedings. She regularly instructed counsel, drafted position and witness statements, alongside creating hearing bundles.

Domestic Violence & Injunctions

Elicia regularly represents both applicants and respondents who are involved in Family Law Act 1996 proceedings. She has extensive experience in applications for non-molestation orders and occupation orders, including where those applications are linked to Children Act 1989 proceedings. Elicia receives instructions on both ex-parte and on-notice applications.



Legal Expertise Continued

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Family: Finance

Divorce & Separation

Elicia is regularly instructed on a variety of financial remedies proceedings including First Hearing Appointments, Financial Dispute Appointments, Final Hearings and applications for the enforcement of financial remedy orders.

Immigration

Prior to coming to the Bar, Elicia gained extensive experience at the First Tier Immigration Tribunal in all areas of Immigration law, including asylum, deportation, human rights and EU settlement scheme appeals in her role as a Presenting Officer acting on behalf of the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

In March 2022, whilst at the Home Office, Elicia completed a secondment to the Windrush Lessons Learned Review Revisit Team as a Senior Policy Advisor in which she assisted in assessing the implementation of the 30 recommendations by the Home Office in the initial Windrush Lessons Learned Review.

Elicia is keen to develop a practice in the area of immigration and has found her knowledge useful in both public and private law children's proceedings where issues may arise concerning the status of parents and children alike.

Out of Court Solutions (NCDR)

Private FDR

Single Joint Advices/Early Neutral Evaluation

Round Table Meetings/Joint Conferences

Merits, Advice, Drafting And Support Package



Professional Info

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Qualifications

ADR-ODR International 2017: Accredited Civil and Commercial Mediator

BPP Law School 2015-2017: Bar Professional Training Course, (Competent)

University of Birmingham 2013-2015: LLB for Graduates, LLB (Hons) (2:1)

University of Leeds 2007-2012: Chinese and History, BA (Hons) (2:2)

Membership

FLBA

Advocate

Middle Temple (Young Barristers' Association)

South Hampshire Junior Lawyers Division

Western Circuit

Personal Info

Outside of Chambers, Elicia is a keen rugby player having played at various levels of the women's grassroots game. Previous clubs she has played for include: Rosslyn Park, Wasps Women FC and Teddington ladies. At Rosslyn Park, Elicia won the top try scorer award 3 years in a row.

She has a passion for baking; her Lemon Drizzle being a favourite of most.

She also enjoys travelling having travelled South East Asia and South America independently.