

Holly McGahey

(2023) Barrister

Specialist Areas

Public Law Children: Care Proceedings and Adoption

Private Law Children: Residence and Contact

Out of Court Solutions (NCDR)

Who is Holly McGahey?

Holly joined Chambers as a pupil after successful completion of the MLaw Exempting (Bar Course) at Northumbria University. Holly achieved a First Class Honours degree, along with a Distinction in all Bar Course modules. She was Called to the Bar in October 2023 by Gray's Inn.

Prior to joining Chambers, Holly has worked for Newcastle City Council in their Legal Services department, both in Children's Social Care and Housing and Litigation. Holly started as a Legal Assistant in Children's Social Care, which focused primarily on public children law. She gained in-depth experience from a local authority point of view and is keen to grow her knowledge and practice in this area.

Holly then joined the Housing and Litigation team in the role of Assistant Lawyer, dealing mainly with Housing Disrepair cases. She managed a very busy workload, taking cases from pre-action stage through to issue of proceedings and settlement. She also took opportunities to explore other areas, such as anti-social behaviour, when her workload allowed.

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Legal Expertise

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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

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

Domestic Violence & Injunctions

Property

Social Housing

Holly has in-depth experience dealing with housing disrepair claims having handled a busy workload within the Local Authority. She is familiar with how a claim progresses from letter of claim stage, through disclosure, negotiation and to settlement. Holly has had the opportunity also to take on cases that have progressed from pre-action stage into court proceedings and is familiar with drafting applications to court.

When her workload allowed, Holly would take the opportunity to explore other areas of Housing, including ant-social behaviour and homelessness.

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

Northumbria University MLaw Exempting (Bar Course) 2019-2023

The Society of Mediators – Accredited Mediation Training 2023

Membership

The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn

Awards

Member of Northumbria Law School Honour Roll 2019-2023

Personal Info

Outside of Chambers, Holly enjoys spending time with her family, including her two rescue dogs. She enjoys local history and is a member of English Heritage.
