Hannah Phoenix

Year of Call: **2015**

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Hannah has been a member of the Family Law team since 2017 when she completed her pupillage. She swiftly built a thriving practice, specialising in public and private law children matters.

Hannah has a busy and varied Public Law practice. She has represented parents, Local Authorities and children at all stages of public law proceedings. She has become accustomed to advising Local Authorities from the pre-proceedings stage through to the issuing of proceedings, including drafting threshold documents and case summaries. She has extensive experience acting on behalf of parents, children and Local Authorities in multi-day hearings, including those involving non-accidental injury, sexual abuse, domestic violence, substance misuse and mental health.

In addition, Hannah has also gained experience in Private Law proceedings and applications for domestic abuse injunctions. She has represented both Applicants and Respondents in such proceedings, as well as the children. She is accustomed to dealing with serious allegations within such proceedings, including domestic violence, physical harm of children, sexual abuse and parental alienation.

In all areas of practice, Hannah is well known for her attention to detail, careful preparation of cases and handling of evidence. She has also developed a reputation for her extensive knowledge of case law and statute. She receives consistent feedback from clients (both lay and professional) in respect to her strong communication skills, provision of pragmatic advice and approachable nature. She is accustomed to representing a wide variety of people, including those who are highly vulnerable and require additional support.

Background and other experience

Prior to joining Chambers, Hannah worked at a magic circle law firm as a paralegal. She worked on a number of large commercial transactions undertaking tasks such as due diligence and document review. In particular she became experienced in the drafting and reviewing of non-disclosure agreements and undertook a client secondment. Further to this, Hannah gained family law experience through her time spent outdoor clerking for a firm of Lancashire solicitors.

More recently from 2018-2019, Hannah took a sabbatical from Chambers to spend 10 months working in the Court of Appeal as a Judicial Assistant. During this time she was stationed at the Royal Courts of Justice and assigned to the President of the Family Division, Sir Andrew McFarlane and Lord Justice Peter Jackson. Her role involved assisting with the preparation of cases both in the High Court and the Court of Appeal, through analysis of case papers, conducting legal research and drafting case summaries. She has also had the opportunity of observing appeals and hearings, thus gaining experience of high quality advocacy, as well as an in depth knowledge of the appellate system.

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Education

Stonyhurst College
Durham University (University College): LLB(Hons) First Class
University of Law, London – BPTC Very Competent

Gray's Inn Ann Frances Goddard Scholarship for Pupillage (2017)
Gray's Inn Internship Award for Vocalise (2015)
Association Scholar 2006 – 2011 (Stonyhurst College)

Professional Memberships

Northern Circuit
Gray's Inn
