

SOPHIE HURST

Year of call: 2018

Qualifications: BA Hons History, Graduate Diploma in Law

Clerked by: Mark Ronson Paul Clarke

AREAS OF EXPERTISE:

Administrative & Public Law Court of Protection & Mental Health
Health & Social Care Inquests Judicial Review Serious Injury



Profile

Sophie became a tenant at Kings Chambers in October 2019 having completed pupillage under the supervision of Simon Burrows and Richard Livingston.

Sophie practises in all areas of Court of Protection, including health and welfare and property and affairs cases. She also accepts instructions in Mental Health Act matters. Sophie acts in a wide-range of inquests, though specialises in those involving the Mental Health and Mental Capacity Acts.

Sophie has a fast-growing and diverse public law practice. She accepts instructions to draft papers in a range of judicial review proceedings and has experience in licensing matters representing local authorities.

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Areas of Expertise

Administrative & Public Law

Court of Protection & Mental Health

Sophie accepts instructions in all areas of Court of Protection, including welfare disputes, deprivation of liberty, serious medical treatment cases and property and affairs matters. She regularly appears on behalf of P, public bodies and family members in both section 21A and s16 applications. She has recently been credited for her contribution in Re A (Capacity: Social Media and Internet Use: Best Interests) [2019] EWCOP and Re B (Capacity: Social Media: Care and Contact) [2019] EWCOP 3. Sophie regularly appears in contested applications concerning deputies and attorneys, representing the Public Guardian, professional deputies and local authorities.

Sophie accepts instructions in a range of Mental Health matters. She has experience in Nearest Relative Displacement Proceedings, appearing before the First- Tier Tribunal, as well as CQC prosecutions.

Health & Social Care

Inquests

Sophie acts for families and other interested parties in a wide-range of inquests and in particular, those involving matters under the Mental Health Act or the Mental Capacity Act.

Judicial Review

Sophie has been involved with a number of public law challenges, including cases against the Criminal Cases Review Commission as well as advising on tax and education matters.

Serious Injury

Sophie accepts instructions in all areas of personal injury law including cases arising from road traffic accidents, as well as employers' liability and public liability. She regularly represents both claimants and defendants at trial, assessment of damages hearings and application hearings. Sophie also has experience in CICA claims and has appeared before the Criminal Injuries Compensation Tribunal. Her paperwork practice includes drafting pleadings and advices on both quantum and liability.

Under the supervision of Richard Livingston, Sophie gained experience in the field of occupational disease and has been involved in claims arising from asbestos related conditions, as well as noise induced hearing loss and asthma.

Memberships

COPPA

The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn

Northern Circuit

Qualifications

Bar Professional Training Course (BPP, 2017-2018) Outstanding

Graduate Diploma in Law (University of Law, 2016-2017) Distinction

BA Hons History (University of York, 2013-2016) First Class, with Distinction

Awards

The Prince of Wales Scholarship (Gray's Inn, 2017)

BPP Excellence Award (BPP University, 2017)

The Graham Beecher Prize (University of Law, 2017)

The David Karmel Scholarship (Gray's Inn, 2016)

The Chancellor's Award (University of York, 2016)

The History Award, Valedictorian (University of York, 2016)