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Practice

Sarah is a highly regarded and experienced housing and property specialist. She is regularly instructed by local authorities and social landlords, private sector landlords and property owners. She represents clients throughout the country and has particular expertise in the following areas of practice:

- All aspects of housing law and management and residential landlord and tenant law including possession and demotion claims (regularly involving disability discrimination, Equality Act and capacity issues) disrepair and environmental protection enforcement;
- Anti-social behaviour litigation including ASBO's and injunctions in all types of cases including criminal activity (arson, drug-dealing, serious violence, use of firearms, threats to kill, murder), gang activity, witness intimidation and general nuisance. Sarah also regularly deals with cases resulting from mental health issues;
- Human Rights (particularly in relation to housing matters);
- Actions involving trespassers and travellers;
- Homelessness Appeals and Judicial Review;
- Commercial Landlord and Tenant Law;
- Property litigation including boundary disputes and trusts of land claims;
- Mortgage actions;
- General commercial litigation including contract disputes

APPOINTMENTS

In November 2011 Sarah was appointed as a fitness to practise panellist by the General Medical Council and will sit on disciplinary cases determining whether doctors should continue to practise and, if so, whether that should be subject to any sanctions.

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

In addition to her legal qualifications, Sarah holds an MBA which gives her additional insight into commercial matters.

MEMBERSHIPS

Sarah is a Member of The Northern Circuit, The Northern Chancery Bar Association and The Northern Administrative Law Association.

TRAINING

Sarah regularly provides continuous professional development training for local authorities and registered providers of social housing. All training seminars are fully accredited by the Law Society and Bar Council.

WHAT THE INDEPENDENT DIRECTORIES SAY

In Chambers UK 2012 Sarah has maintained her status as a leading junior in Social Housing and is described as “**very accessible, very conscientious and someone who turns work round very quickly.**” *She is noted for her work on homelessness cases and is known for the excellent way she interacts with clients.*’

CONTACT

Further information may be obtained from Mr Roy Finney (Practice Manager) at finney@exchangechambers.co.uk.