

Caitlin Edwards

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Clerks' Details

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Memberships

- The Inner Temple
- Northern Circuit
- Personal Injury Bar Association
- The Manchester and District Medico-Legal Society

Education

- BA Hons Geography – University of Oxford
- GDL – BPP University, Manchester (Distinction)
- LLM Legal Practice (with BPTC) – BPP University, Manchester (Distinction)

Scholarships/Awards

- Regional Scholarship, BPP University, Manchester
- Marshall Hall Trust Pupillage Award, The Inner Temple

Practice Overview

Caitlin became a tenant of Exchange Chambers in March 2022 following the successful completion of her pupillage. During her pupillage, Caitlin experienced a range of Personal Injury, Court of Protection and Family work.

Caitlin predominantly practises in Personal Injury, appearing in Court on an almost daily basis on behalf of both Claimants and Defendants. Her practice throughout second six has encompassed small claim and fast track trials, applications, CCMCs, Stage 3 and approval hearings. Caitlin is also frequently instructed on credit hire claims, and has experience representing clients who are accused of fundamental dishonesty. Caitlin has a busy paperwork practice, regularly drafting pleadings and advising on both liability and quantum.

Prior to pupillage, Caitlin worked as a paralegal in the Catastrophic Injury and Large Loss team of a busy global firm, often assisting the file handlers by drafting pleadings and other legal documents. Her experience working in a firm of this size has demonstrated to Caitlin what a solicitor requires from those they instruct. She therefore provides a quick turnaround on papers and communicates well with those who instruct her, promptly updating them as to the outcome of her hearings. Caitlin is also happy to assist file handlers on both a formal and informal basis and welcomes contact by email or telephone.

Caitlin previously volunteered with the Citizen's Advice Witness Service for three years. As a result, Caitlin is able to put her lay clients at ease due to her personable approach and ability to quickly build rapport with those she represents, reflected in the feedback she has received.

Caitlin is fast-developing her Court of Protection practice, with a focus on health and welfare cases including deprivation of liberty and section 21A applications, in which she has experience acting for all parties.

Cases

June 2022 - Caitlin successfully represented a Claimant who was injured when visiting a branch of a large national company. The incident was described by the Defendant as an unforeseeable 'freak accident', but Caitlin proved on behalf of the Claimant that it was due to the failure of the Defendant to take reasonable care.

Recommendations

"Thank you Caitlin – excellent work. I spoke with the Claimant yesterday and she said you were amazing and passed on very kind regards and full of praise."

Client Testimonial to Solicitors

"I have just spoken to (client) and he says he was really impressed with you and how well you represented him yesterday"

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"I just wanted to say thank you again for arguing my case successfully and for the support before and during. Really appreciate it and am very relieved!"

Client Feedback

Beyond the Bar

Caitlin believes in actively encouraging access to the profession, particularly for groups who are currently underrepresented at the Bar. She has acted as a mentor to aspiring barristers with schemes such as Bridging the Bar and Young Bar Mentoring, and welcomes aspiring barristers who perhaps feel as though they have no existing contacts within the profession to drop her a message on LinkedIn if they have any questions.