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Year of Call: 2010

Jessica studied Law at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne (LLB Law First Class Honours). She completed the Bar Vocational Course at Manchester Metropolitan University (Very Competent). Jessica was called to the Bar by Lincoln's Inn in 2010. She received the Hardwicke Award from Lincoln's Inn. Jessica completed her pupillage at St John's Buildings in September 2012 under the supervision of Penelope Stanistreet and Rachael Harrison. Jessica practises in the fields of Crime, Family Law and Personal Injury.

Memberships

- Family Law Bar Association
- Personal Injury Bar Association
- North Eastern Circuit
- Criminal Bar Association

EXPERTISE

Family - Children

Public Law

As pupil to Penelope Stanistreet, Jessica was exposed to public law cases involving allegations that family members had perpetrated serious harm (non-accidental injury cases). During pupillage Jessica saw numerous finding of fact hearings and final hearings. Since gaining tenancy in September 2012 Jessica has acted for parents and other parties in public law proceedings. She has appeared on behalf of parties at contested interim hearings, directions/review hearings, Issue Resolution Hearings and

Final Hearings.

Private Law

Jessica regularly acts for parents at all stages of private law proceedings. Jessica has experience of dealing with disputes relating to residence and contact (Child Arrangements Order applications). Jessica has also dealt with cases involving applications for Specific Issue Orders and Non-Molestation Orders.

Crime

Jessica has been instructed by both Prosecution and Defence in the Magistrates' Youth and Crown Courts. She has successfully prosecuted and defended trials in the Magistrates and Youth Court. She has prosecuted and defended in appeals against conviction and sentence in the Crown Court.

Jessica has prosecuted and defended trials involving young witnesses and defendants, expert witnesses and vulnerable witnesses.

Jessica also has experience of Prison adjudication hearings.

Grade 1 Prosecutor for the Crown Prosecution Service.

Jessica has appeared in the Court of Appeal on behalf of the Crown Prosecution Service: R v Parsons [2013] EWCA Crim 1722.

Personal Injury

Jessica undertakes work both in an advisory role and at court hearings. She regularly acts for both Claimants and Defendants at small claim and fast track hearings. Jessica has experience of representing Claimants and Defendants at a range of civil applications, Infant Settlement Hearings, MOJ Stage 3 Hearings and Disposal Hearings. Jessica regularly provides advice on quantum and has experience of drafting pleadings.