

Emma Spruce

Experience

Year of Call: 2017



Education

BPP University, Bar Professional Training Course (2017): Very Competent

University of Oxford (2016), MSc Social Policy

University of Reading (2014), Law with European Legal Studies : First Class Honours

Languages

French

Profile

Emma joined 4 Paper Buildings as a tenant in October 2019, following successful completion of her pupillage under the supervision of Henry Clayton, Rebecca Foulkes and Michael Edwards. Emma has experience across the spectrum of family law, representing clients at all levels including the High Court.

Children

Emma is regularly instructed in both private and public children law. She has assisted clients in cases with complex issues such as allegations of domestic abuse, internal and international relocation, implacable hostility and alienation.

Emma has appeared in the High Court in international children matters, including forced marriage and FGM protection order cases. Emma was recently led by Fiona Munro in a complex care case with an international element.

Finance

Emma has represented parties through to final hearings in financial disputes upon divorce and as a result of an application under Schedule 1 of the Children Act 1989.

Emma also has experience of representing clients in cases with varied jurisdictional issues and in

defending applications for divorce.

Other Experience

Prior to commencing pupillage, Emma spent time working for Stewarts in London and Expatriate Law in Dubai. During this time, Emma assisted on a wide range of complex private finance and children matters which involved an international dimension. Emma has also volunteered for the Free Representation Unit and to provide training to expert witnesses at the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health.

Before commencing her legal career, Emma was a keen oarswoman: representing Great Britain and winning the Boat Race for Oxford. Emma remains passionate about programmes with an 'Access to Sport' element for children.

Memberships

Lincoln's Inn

Association of Women Barristers

Cases

30/03/2021	Re H-N and Others (Children) (Domestic Abuse: Finding of fact hearings)	Christopher Hames QC Charlotte Baker Jo Delahunty QC Chris Barnes Charles Hale QC Adele Cameron-Douglas Rebecca Foulkes Miriam Best Teertha Gupta QC Matthew Persson Clarissa Wigoder Mark Jarman Michael Gratton Barbara Mills QC Joy Brereton Emma Spruce	[2021] EWCA Civ 448
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