Susannah Burley

Year of Call: 2022

“Her empathy, professionalism, and unwavering commitment provided our client with much-needed reassurance during an emotional time” – **Professional Client**

Practice Areas
Financial Remedies
Inquests and Inquiries
International Children Law
Private Children Law
Public Children Law

Education & Qualification
- Law LLB, LLM, BTC

- University of Bristol – Law LLB – 2017-2020 – First Class
- BPP University – BTC and LLM – 2020-2021 – Distinction

Overview

Susannah joined Chambers as a tenant in October 2024 following the successful completion of her pupillage under the supervision of Katharine Bundell, Michael Edwards and Greg Davies.

Susannah accepts instructions across every aspect of Chambers' practice areas.

Susannah has been accepted onto the Government Legal Department's Junior Junior Scheme ("JJ Pannel") and accepts instructions on inquiries.

Prior to Undertaking Pupillage, Susannah worked as a Family paralegal in a Surrey Law Firm for over 2 years, working on Financial Remedy and Private Child Law Cases, where she developed her knowledge, experience and interest in these areas.

Susannah has regularly undertaken Pro Bono work through Law Clinics and charities, advising clients who are going through family proceedings, dealing with issues surrounding housing and benefits and has also supported families during inquests. She currently volunteers as an advisor for the Temple Legal Centre.

Professional Memberships

Honourable Society of Middle Temple
Family Law Bar Association
Women in Family Law

Private Children Law

Susannah is regularly instructed to represent, mothers, fathers and interveners in private child law proceedings for child arrangements orders, specific issue orders and prohibited steps orders. She has regularly undertaken contentious cases and has been praised for her ability to negotiate and narrow the issues between parties outside of court.

Susannah is also often instructed to represent children in private law proceedings through their s.16.4 Guardian.

Finance

Susannah is adept in financial remedy matters having gained much experience in this area throughout her legal career. She is meticulous in her preparation and has the ability to negotiate and advocate with equal vigour.

International Child Law

Susannah has appeared in the High Court and has undertaken private law proceedings which include an international element. Susannah has a particular interest in leave to remove and relocation cases.

Susannah has also been instructed on summary return applications under the Hague Convention and “stranded spouse” cases.

Public Children Law

Susannah accepts instructions from both Local Authorities and parents in public child law proceedings. She has been instructed to act for vulnerable clients who are battling mental health or substance abuse issues and is known for her empathetic approach.

Inquiries and inquests

Susannah has a keen interest in inquests and public enquiries, having undertaken several pro bono cases supporting families who are going through inquests, without recourse to Legal Aid. Susannah has also undertaken bereavement training through her volunteer work, allowing her to sensitively support her clients through difficult proceedings.