



Sophie Kay



Year of call: 2016

Areas of Practice

Family

Sophie specialises in family law. She is an able advocate and negotiator, combining legal expertise with an empathetic approach to client care. Sophie understands the importance of providing robust and considered advice, when required. She appreciates the reassurance of continuity of counsel, and often represents clients through to final hearings.

Sophie has a busy practice, and accepts instructions in all areas of family law. She has an established practice in private children proceedings involving domestic abuse and child abduction. Sophie has a growing interest in family finance and cases with an international element.

She is an Accredited Mediator and is on the Government Legal Department's Attorney General's Junior Panel of counsel. Having undertaken a criminal pupillage, which also focussed on regulatory work, Sophie was regularly instructed by the Nursing and Midwifery Council in disciplinary hearings. Sophie's experience lends itself to representing clients confidently at emergency *ex parte* hearings. Sophie's ability to assimilate the facts and legal issues quickly ensures that she remains calm under pressure.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Sophie worked at the Ministry of Justice in the Offender Reform & Commissioning Group. She drafted answers to Parliamentary Questions for the Secretary of State for Justice and Justice Ministers, and prepared them for briefings and the *Transforming Rehabilitation* Inquiry.

Education:

LLB Law (Hons), University of Bristol

BPTC, BPP Law School

Awards:

Jules Thorn (Major) Scholarship by The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple

BPP Advocacy Prize

Professional Memberships:

The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple

Attorney General's Junior Panel of counsel

Language skills

Spanish (Conversational)



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