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Practice overview

Queenet is a barrister specialising in family law. She undertook a specialist family pupillage with Chambers, obtaining experience in all areas of Chambers' family work including financial dispute resolution, public and private children law and international family law. She has a particular interest in children law both national and international.

Queenet has a professional, empathetic approach to her clients and their cases. She is quickly establishing herself as a rising star at the junior Bar, and recent feedback from a judge including:

"Thank you very much for your draft order, which I approve without a single amendment. It is an excellent piece of drafting, and I shall arrange for it to be filed."

"Thank you very much indeed for your assistance. I do not think I can add to the observations I have already made about your assistance today, which are a matter of court record. You have a flourishing career ahead of you indeed."

Queenet previously worked as a family paralegal in a specialist family law firm where she managed her own caseload and gained experience representing clients in court hearings relating to domestic abuse and private children law. During her masters degree, Queenet worked with the family law team at the University of Law's Legal Advice Clinic where she

provided pro bono advice and representation in private children's law proceedings. She also volunteered with a legal charity assisting litigants in persons going through the family court by themselves.

Queenet is experienced at working with vulnerable clients and those who are under a huge amount of pressure, and at providing calm and measured advice. She understands the importance of tailoring her advice to clients to their needs and to ensuring that they understand the law and procedure so that they can make informed decisions.

Children law (public)

Queenet is committed to children law proceedings and is building a busy practice in public children work. She regularly acts for local authorities and parents, and also accepts instructions from guardians.

She has acted in a range of hearings from ICOs and ISOs to fact finding hearings. She is very empathetic and is able to deal with clients who may be very vulnerable or emotional. Ongoing cases include acting for a mother who has mental health issues, and a father accused of causing physical harm to his child.

Queenet is interested in furthering her experience in international work, and is currently representing a father in High Court proceedings where the mother has removed the child from the jurisdiction whilst the child was under an ICO.

Children law (private)

Queenet has acted in numerous private law proceedings, and is building a busy practice in this area. She enjoys the challenge of working with clients to find a sustainable resolution, often in extremely emotional circumstances.

She accepts instructions from parents and guardians in all types of cases, and has represented parties at a wide range of hearings during her pupillage. She has experience of representing vulnerable clients, of cross examining expert witnesses, and of acting in cases where there are disputes between parents and special guardians. For example, Queenet is currently representing a mother with mental health difficulties in private children proceedings, and a parent with physical disabilities who is in dispute with the Special Guardians.

Queenet is also experienced at dealing with cases where there are allegations of domestic abuse. She has represented a number of clients where the final order has included the imposition or extension of a non-molestation order.

Domestic abuse/injunctions

Queenet is frequently instructed in respect of injunctions, particularly where there are allegations of domestic abuse.

Queenet has a lot of experience of representing those seeking non-molestation orders as well as those seeking to resist such orders. She has experience of contested hearings, often over several days, and of successfully arguing that non-molestation orders should be implemented alongside other orders for contact and residence.

Recently Queenet has represented an applicant in an application for an NMO heard over 2 days with 4 additional witnesses in which 4 out of 5 findings were made against the respondent. She has also recently represented an applicant in a contested application to extend an NMO in which the findings she sought were made and the NMO was extended.

Queenet also has experience of other applications such as transfer of tenancy applications, and accepts instructions for occupation orders.

Education

- 2020-2022: The University of Law, London BPC LLM
- 2017-2020: University of Kent LLB Laws

Memberships

- FLBA

Prizes

- 2020: The Honourable Society of Middle Temple, The Diana, Princess of Wales Scholarship and Blackstone Entrance Exhibition
- 2020: The Fairweathers Kent Law Clinic Prize for outstanding contribution to the Kent Law Clinic
- 2018: Kent Law School Criminal Justice Project Prize for outstanding contribution to the Criminal Justice Project

Notable Cases

P v P: represented the respondent mother in a contested private children proceedings in a case which had been ongoing for 4 years. This was a complicated application as there was a 16.4 guardian appointed for the child and expert evidence required. Queenet successfully persuaded the court to order only indirect contact s.91(14) for 3 years and for a non-molestation order to be extended for 3 years.

O v H & D: currently representing a vulnerable client (disabled due to contracting Polio) to discharge a Special Guardianship order as the special guardians are refusing to allow her to see her child.

D v L-M: represented the applicant for a non-molestation order in a two day hearing with 4 additional witnesses. 4 out of 5 findings were made against the respondent.

H v H: successfully represented the applicant in a transfer of tenancy application.

A v K: represented the applicant in a contested application to extend a non-molestation order. Findings were made and the order extended.