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Practice overview

Katherine joined 5 Pump Court as a tenant in October 2026 following successful completion of her mixed common law pupillage. She has a fully mixed practice and accepts instructions in criminal, civil and family cases. Katherine also has particular personal interest in representing those from rural communities across her range of practice.

Civil Practice: Katherine has experience of application hearings, disposal hearings, landlord and tenant disputes and trials in credit hire and other road traffic events. She has enjoyed particular success in liability disputes. She has been described by opposing counsel as 'very comfortable with the facts of the case, thorough and robust during her cross-examination, and unwavering in her smoothly delivered closing submissions'.

Family Practice: Katherine has experience acting at all stages of proceedings, from FHDRA and DRA through to fact-finding and final hearings. Family clients particularly appreciate her 'professionalism, empathetic manner, and her ability to explain complex issues clearly and reassure them throughout the process' and she is described by instructing solicitors as adept at establishing excellent rapport with clients, inspiring confidence, and being unwaveringly kind with vulnerable clients.

Criminal Practice: Katherine has defence experience in a range of work in the Magistrates Court and Crown Court. She maintains an excellent success rate in exceptional hardship and

special reasons applications, including on appeal, and clients appreciate her pragmatic approach to the same. Katherine also accepts instructions in private prosecutions under the Environmental Protection Act 1990, where her mixed practice experience is a particular asset.

Other experience: Before pupillage, Katherine was a Management Consultant for real estate clients, who appreciated her ability to assimilate large volumes of complex information under time pressure, and her consideration of competing commercial demands when advising them. Katherine also spent time in the Major Injury and Casualty team at a leading law firm, and seconded for 12 months to a Local Authority in their Insurance team where she dealt with high value and sensitive claims across the full spectrum of civil law, mitigating exposure and risk to the Local Authority.

Education

- Exhibition Scholarship, The Honourable Society of the Inner Temple
- Duke of Edinburgh Award, The Honourable Society of the Inner Temple
- Durham University, LLB (hons)