



Tori Adams – Barrister

Called 2016

Summary

Tori was called to the Bar by the Inner Temple in 2016. She has a mixed practice with a primary focus on family law, property and chancery and civil liberties. In addition, Tori undertakes work in both criminal and quasi-criminal proceedings, as well as having a broad general civil practice.

Prior to beginning her career as a barrister, Tori worked as a paralegal, gaining experience in various practice areas including international commercial litigation involving high value disputes, crime and family. Tori also volunteered as a tribunal representative through IPSEA, supporting and representing parents of children with Special Educational Needs.

Tori has completed the MHLA foundation course and has experience of working with clients who suffer with mental health difficulties.

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Family Law

Financial Remedies

Tori regularly acts in family finance proceedings, including applications pursuant to TOLATA 1996. Tori has experience of successfully representing clients at all stages of proceedings, including against litigants in person, and has dealt with complex issues such as those with an International element, for example having been led in an advice for use in the High Court in India, cases involving multiple high-value assets both in and out of the jurisdiction and disputes involving pre and post-marital assets. In addition, Tori provides advice and representation in enforcement proceedings.

Children Act/Family Law Act Proceedings

Tori accepts Instructions in private children cases and injunction proceedings, and regularly acts in cases involving applications for Prohibited Steps Orders, Non-Molestation Orders, and Child Arrangements Orders, including those made without notice. Her experience includes cases involving vulnerable individuals and serious allegations of serious domestic abuse, including sexual assault, as well cases involving drug and alcohol misuse and concerns relating to international child abduction. Tori has been involved in multi-day fact finding hearings arising from serious domestic abuse allegations. She has a particular interest in cases with an International dimension and has appeared in the High Court in respect of disputes around jurisdiction.



Public

Tori has experience in all stages of public law children cases, having acted in cases relating to applications for Interim Care Orders, Care Orders and Supervision Orders and has experience of representing vulnerable clients. Recent cases include significant allegations of neglect, drug and alcohol use and domestic violence. Tori has recently appeared in the High Court in relation to complex issues surrounding jurisdiction and has an interest in Hague convention cases. She welcomes Instructions on behalf of parents, Guardians and Local Authorities.

Property and Chancery

Wills and Probate

Tori has a keen interest in contentious probate matters and has experience of drafting pleadings and providing advice and representation both in the County Court and the High Court in relation to the validity of wills, will trusts, removal of executors and estate mismanagement, including in complex cases. In addition, Tori welcomes work in respect of claims for financial provision under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) Act 1975, having gained regular and varied experience in this area, including by way of mediation.

Property

Tori also has a varied property practice. She regularly provides advice, drafting and representation in claims under TOLATA, in which she has a particular interest, and has acted in cases involving constructive and resulting trusts, proprietary estoppel and breach of trust in both the County Court and the High Court. In addition, Tori provides advice and representation in claims relating to boundary disputes, sale of property, leasehold disputes, service charges, adverse possession, easements, enfranchisement, trespass and nuisance.

Tori has also successfully acted in committal proceedings, including in the High Court, having recently acted for the Claimants in the case of Totton & Anor v Totton [2022] EWHC 2345 (Ch).

Public Law, Human Rights and Civil Liberties

Tori regularly advises on cases involving human rights breaches, including unlawful detention claims and claims under the Equality Act 2010, by virtue of which she has assisted in securing settlements for a number of Claimants. These cases generally involve vulnerable individuals who often suffer with issues relating to both their physical and mental health. As well as work under the Equality Act and Human Rights Act, Tori has experience in cases relating to the provision of social care services, data protection and inquests.

Tori also has experience of advising on, drafting grounds for, and appearing in court in Judicial Review proceedings relating to prisons and licence conditions, as well as in immigration cases, and welcomes instructions in this area.



Crime

Tori's both prosecutes and defends in the Crown Court. She has acted on behalf of clients charged with various offences, including violent crime and sexual offences. She accepts instructions for both publicly funded and private clients. Tori has experience of acting for clients who are vulnerable due to age, addiction and mental health issues. Tori is CPS grade 2 and has prosecuted in a number of cases.

Quasi-Criminal Proceedings

Tori has experience in appearing in civil proceedings within the Magistrates' and Crown Court in relation to applications for sexual harm prevention orders, stalking prevention orders and freezing orders. Tori has acted in such cases on behalf of the MPS and respondents.

General Civil

Tori also has experience in general civil cases, including those involving contract disputes and claims in negligence, and she welcomes work in these areas. Tori has experience in dealing with cases involving unjust enrichment, fraud and misrepresentation.

Education

Bar Professional Training Course, University of Law
LLB Law, University of Exeter (2.i)

Professional Memberships

Family Law Bar Association
Criminal Bar Association
Bar Human Rights Committee
JUSTICE
STEP
Resolution

Publications and Seminars

Tori has had work published in Counsel magazine, New Law Journal and the Family Law Journal. This includes articles relating to recovering fees in Inheritance Act Claims (with Chris Bryden), youth courts and youth justice (with Kirsty Day), unlawful detention of immigration detainees (with Killian Moran, solicitor) and a review of remote hearings in a family law context.

Tori has also presented seminars in a number of areas including in relation to TOLATA, 1975 Act claims, financial remedies updates and modern slavery.

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