



Ciara Moran – Barrister

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Ciara welcomes instructions in all of Chambers' practice areas, including immigration, public law, crime, family and civil.

Ciara read jurisprudence at the University of Oxford, after which she undertook a combined BPTC LLM with the benefit of a Sir Thomas More scholarship and accommodation award from Lincoln's Inn. Prior to commencing pupillage, Ciara spent time living and teaching abroad.

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Immigration

Ciara is regularly instructed in appeal hearings in the First-Tier Tribunal and advises on onward appeal to the Upper Tribunal. She has worked on cases involving asylum, humanitarian protection, and human rights claims. She is regularly instructed in appeals against decisions made under the EUSS.

Ciara is further instructed in judicial review claims, including unlawful delay and unaccompanied children cases.

Prior to pupillage, she worked as a visa coordinator for a university in London, guiding incoming students through the process of applying for different types of UK visa, including making applications out of time for settled or pre-settled status. Ciara has successfully appeared in the First-Tier Tribunal to apply for immigration bail and advised several detainees on bail matters through her work with the University of Law Legal Advice Centre. She also acted as a volunteer legal researcher for the anti-trafficking charity Justice & Care, writing on the interplay between the Immigration Act, the Modern Slavery Act and international law.

During university, Ciara volunteered for Turpin & Miller LLP, interviewing asylum applicants and providing solicitors with initial case information, as well as assisting with research.

Public Law, Human Rights and Civil Liberties

Beyond her immigration experience, Ciara has volunteered as a remote research panellist for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, writing reports on ongoing human rights crises. She is keen to develop a public law practice, and welcomes instructions across this area. During pupillage, she gained experience of discrimination and prison law claims.

Crime

Ciara regularly defends in the Crown, Youth and Magistrates' courts. She has been instructed in first appearances, trials and sentencing hearings across these courts, and has dealt with cases including the supply of Class A drugs, fraud and money laundering, violent and sexual offences, assaults against emergency workers and driving offences. She regularly appears in appeals against sentence to the Crown Court. Her immigration experience makes her particularly well suited to cases involving allegations of human trafficking or modern slavery. She has experience of trials with clients who lack



capacity, or who require the use of intermediaries, and is live to the issues that can arise when vulnerable individuals engage with the criminal justice system.

She is instructed privately to advise on pre-charge issues.

Family

Ciara is instructed in a wide range of work across family law. She has appeared in financial remedies proceedings, and further undertakes private law children work. She has appeared in proceedings under the Family Law Act relating to non-molestation and occupation orders. Ciara accepts publicly funded family law work.

General Civil

Ciara regularly appears in the County Court in small claims and fast track trials, as well as pre-trial hearings up to the multi-track, applications to set aside, infant approval hearings and Stage 3 MOJ hearings. She is further instructed in alternative dispute resolution up to and including the multi-track, of which she gained a great deal of experience during her first six.

Property and Estates

Ciara is regularly instructed to advise on property law issues, including acting for claimant tenants in housing disrepair claims against local authorities and advising on property disputes. Her family law experience makes her particularly well suited to act in disputes arising out of, or complicated by, family law proceedings. She is particularly interested in housing law.

Ciara experienced a number of wills disputes throughout pupillage, in both High Court hearings and mediations. These have included challenges to the capacity of a testator, the removal and replacement of executors, and other challenges under the Inheritance Act 1975. She welcomes instructions across the broad spectrum of property and estates work.

EDUCATION

Bar Professional Training Course – LLM (University of Law, 2020)

BA in Jurisprudence (University of Oxford, 2019)

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Sir Thomas More Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn, 2019

Accommodation Award, Lincoln's Inn, 2019

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