



Kate Jones – Barrister

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PROFILE:

Before commencing pupillage, Kate worked as a paralegal in the family department of a prominent legal aid firm. She also spent a number of months working in the legal department of a global commercial property company as well as interning for Sisters for Change, a grassroots legal organisation combating violence against women globally.

Prior to studying on the BPTC Kate worked for a think tank in Westminster for three years before moving to work as a Research Fellow for Reprieve in New Orleans, USA. Kate has undertaken voluntary research posts at the Women's Legal Centre in Cape Town, South Africa; Kayan, an Arab feminist NGO in Haifa, Israel; at the UK Environmental Law Association and at the British Institute of International and Comparative Law in London.

Kate has also volunteered for the National Centre for Domestic Violence, the City University Pro Bono Clinic and as a Custody Visitor for the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime.

AREAS OF PRACTICE:

FAMILY LAW

Financial remedies

Kate practises in all aspects of family finance proceedings, including applications pursuant to TOLATA 1996. She represents spouses, co-habitants and intervenors at all stages of proceedings, including in trials of preliminary issue hearings and final hearings.

Kate has experience of a wide range of financial remedies applications, including cases which involve:

- High net worth clients
- Complexity or have an international element
- Pre or post-acquired assets
- A dispute over the applicability of pre or post nuptial agreements
- Family businesses
- Schedule 1 Children Act claims
- Freezing Injunctions
- Enforcement of orders

Children Act and injunctive proceedings

Kate regularly acts in all areas of private children law including internal and external relocation and child arrangement disputes. She has experience in complex cases such as those involving allegations of serious domestic abuse including sexual assault, cases in which a Guardian has been appointed as well as in applications for enforcement.

She is alive to the many multifaceted issues that can arise in private law cases, including specifically those with an immigration law element.

Kate further acts in injunctive proceedings with experience of urgent, without notice applications. She has acted in cases involving serious allegations of domestic violence and abuse and has conducted multi-day fact finding hearings within Family Law Act proceedings. Kate has experience in representing vulnerable clients.

IMMIGRATION LAW:

Kate appears before the First-Tier and Upper-Tier Tribunals in asylum, deportation and human rights appeals as well as bail applications. She advises on merits of both fresh claims and appeals as well drafting grounds for judicial review applications. Kate has experience representing vulnerable clients including victims of trafficking for sexual exploitation and unaccompanied asylum seeking children.

CIVIL LAW:

Kate has experience appearing in landlord and tenant and other property disputes in both the county courts and the Valuations Tribunal, including cases involving rent arrears, determination of council tax charges, possession and applications for orders for sale. She has acted for Claimants and Defendants in contractual disputes, debt recovery claims, and enforcement. She also undertakes drafting and advisory work.

Kate also has experience in personal injury matters acting on behalf of both Claimants and Defendants. She advises on liability, causation, quantum, and drafts pleadings. Kate has also worked on complex and high value Personal Injury matters for the Government Legal Department through the Junior Junior scheme.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Bar Professional Training Course, City University London
MA, World History, Birkbeck College London
LLB, Law, King's College London

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Pegasus Scholar 2018, Inner Temple
Anne Goddard Scholarship, Gray's Inn
Prince of Wales Scholarship, Gray's Inn
Human Rights Scholarship, Gray's Inn
Human Rights Lawyers Association Bursary, City University

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