



Victoria Adams – Barrister

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Tori welcomes instructions in all areas of chambers' practice in particular crime, immigration, family, civil liberties, property and Chancery and general civil.

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Family Law

Financial Remedies

Tori accepts Instructions in all aspects of 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 or significant dispute in relation to whether high value assets were acquired pre or post-marriage. Tori has recently been led in an advice for a client for use in the High Court in India.

Children Act/Family Law Act Proceedings

Tori regularly acts in private law children work, including in 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 serious issues such as internal relocation and concerns relating to international child abduction. Tori has been involved in multi-day fact finding hearings in relation to domestic abuse allegations.

Public

Tori has experience in public law children cases, including acting for parents in relation to Interim Care Orders, Care Orders and Supervision Orders and has experience of representing vulnerable clients. Recent cases include significant allegations of neglect. Tori has also appeared in the High Court in relation to complex issues surrounding jurisdiction.

Property and Chancery

Tori has a keen interest in matters under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975 and the Insolvency Act 1986 and welcomes work in these areas and in probate and trust disputes. She has experience of both court and advisory work on matters involving trusts and interests in land as well as claims under the Inheritance Act.

Human Rights, Civil Liberties and Employment

Tori regularly advises on cases involving human rights breaches, including unlawful detention claims and claims under the Equality Act 2010. These cases generally involve vulnerable individuals who suffer with issues relating to both their physical and mental health. Tori has recently assisted in securing settlements for a number of victims of unlawful detention. Further, she has represented clients in a number of claims under the Equality Act, which is an area in which she has a particular interest, both in an employment and civil liberties context. Tori also has experience of advising on, drafting grounds for, and appearing in court in Judicial Review proceedings in relation to prisoners and welcomes instructions in this area.

Crime

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

Immigration Law

Tori regularly acts in immigration proceedings before both the First-Tier Tribunal and Upper Tribunal, including in bail applications, asylum appeals, deportation appeals and appeals against VISA refusals. She often represents young clients and those with language, physical and/or mental health difficulties. Tori has experience of advising on merits of appeal and Judicial Review, as well as drafting grounds.

General Civil

Tori also has experience in general civil cases, including those involving contract disputes and claims in negligence, and she welcomes work in this area. Further, she regularly appears in landlord and tenant disputes in the County Court and has been instructed by Local Authorities and private landlords in cases involving rent arrears and possession. She also has experience in cases involving housing disrepair.

BACKGROUND

Tori completed her law degree at the University of Exeter and the BPTC at the University of Law. She then 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.

Articles

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.

Qualifications

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