

Amelia Highnam (Third Six Pupil)

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Amelia joined Chambers as a third six pupil in September 2018 having moved to the self-employed bar from working as an employed barrister in the Department for Exiting the European Union and the Department for Transport. She moved to the self-employed bar to experience more courtroom advocacy and would like to develop a practice in personal injury, credit hire and general common law practices, together with employment law.

Amelia completed her pupillage within the Government Legal Department where she dealt with judicial reviews and oral permission hearings. She is keen to continue her public law work and will happily accept instructions as a Junior Junior through the Panel Scheme; she also has SC Clearance for the purposes of sensitive disclosure exercises and is familiar with the risk assessment guidance for the GLD.

Education

- 2017: BPTC University of Law (Outstanding)
- 2014: BA Jurisprudence, University of Oxford (1st Class)

Prizes and Scholarships:

- 2016: Bar Council Law Reform Competition
- 2016: Walter Wigglesworth Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn
- 2016: Hardwicke Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn
- 2015: Advocacy Scholar, University of Law
- 2015: Educational Trust Scholarship, International Bar Association
- 2014: Winner of the Littleton Award for the highest mark in Labour Law in FHS, University of Oxford

Legal Experience

Whilst in the Government Legal Department, Amelia prepared written advice and paperwork for clients on public law matters, focussing in her first year primarily on immigration cases. She often had to turn work around very quickly within DExEU, in light of the constantly evolving political climate and during her second six of pupillage was before the First-Tier Tribunal representing the government in immigration matters on a frequent basis. Amelia has also previously interned with the International Bar Association and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA).

Amelia volunteers with the Bar Pro Bono Unit, with whom she has appeared in front of the NMC. She has appeared for FRU in a number of employment cases; the most recent of which she successfully obtained a time preparation order for her client in addition to compensation for constructive dismissal. She also volunteered in the past with the International Action Team and



worked with vulnerable victims through Victim Support UK. She is currently an elected member of the Bar Representation Committee at Lincoln's Inn and previously sat as a committee member with the Human Rights Watch Network.

In 2017, Amelia was awarded one of four scholarships to juniors under 7 years' call to attend the South Eastern Circuit Advanced Civil Advocacy Court at the University of Gainesville where she completed a four day tort law mock trial focussing on clinical negligence and product liability.

Interests

Amelia went to music school and sings in a young professional choir in London. She enjoys sports, especially boxing after a hard day at the office, and when she has the time enjoys baking, cooking for friends and family and occasionally dusting off her sewing machine for a new project.