

1GC | Family Law

Emma Colebatch

Year of Call: 2021



Practice Overview

Emma joined Chambers in September 2022 after the successful completion of her pupillage under the supervision of Helen Jefferson, Jessica Lee and Richard Jones. Emma practices across the spectrum of family law.

Prior to joining 1GC, Emma worked at two London-based family law solicitors' firms, these firms specialising in public children's law and financial remedy matters respectively. This work has given Emma valuable experience across a range of family law practice areas, dealing with a wide variety of issues and clients.

During her legal studies Emma volunteered with a range of organisations and charities, including the Unity Project, the Free Representation Unit and the Cleaners and Allied Independent Workers Union. Through this work Emma gained experience of a range of immigration, social security and employment issues, as well as practical skills in drafting, advocacy and research.

Notable Cases

Re J, Re M, Re P (Loss of Parental Responsibility) [2026] EWCA Civ 344

Re S (A Child: Article 9 transfer to Norway) [2024] EWHC 2814

Re H (Step-Parent Adoption: Human Rights) [2023] EWHC 3186

L & Anor (Application to Set Aside Return Order), Re [2023] EWHC 2617

K v K & Ors [2023] EWFC 202

Education

BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics (University of Oxford) (2017)

GDL (City University) (2018)

BPTC (City University) (Outstanding) (2020)

Awards

Lee Essay Prize, Gray's Inn (2019)