



Louise Thomson

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Louise joined Chambers in April 2022 after successfully completing her pupillage under the supervision of Adam Dawson, Tabitha Barran and Claire Harden-Frost.

She has a busy practice across all of Chambers' specialisms and appears in court on a daily basis. Louise regularly appears in the County Court, Magistrates' Court, Crown Court and the Family Court. Alongside her court-based practice she is keenly developing a paper-based practice.

Prior to coming to the bar, Louise worked at HSBC Bank for two years on their Global Liquidity and Cash Management Graduate Scheme where she completed placements in sales, client management, product management and financial crime compliance. Before commencing pupillage, Louise obtained a volunteer legal internship with the Arizona Capital Representation Project in Tucson, where she supported the lawyers representing people on death row who were appealing their sentences/convictions. When Louise returned to the UK, she worked as a paralegal for Lambeth Council on the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse.

Louise is particularly interested in encouraging diversity at the Bar. Louise helped found the Stamford Anti-Racism Group, in her hometown. She chaired the group from 2020-2021, before returning to London to start her pupillage.

Areas of Expertise

Crime

Louise is a CPS Grade 2 Prosecutor and is regularly instructed to prosecute and defend in Magistrates' Courts and has acted in a number of hearings in the Crown Courts across London and the South East.

Louise has conducted trials involving vulnerable witnesses, expert evidence and dealt with victimless prosecutions. In addition, she has extensive experience conducting virtual and hybrid hearings in both the Magistrate's and Crown court.

Personal Injury

Louise has a busy personal injury practice, which sees her regularly acting for both Claimants and Defendants in stage 3 hearings, small claims, approval hearings, fast track trials and other interlocutory applications.

In addition to her court work, Louise accepts paperwork instructions. Louise can advise on liability and quantum in matters of personal injury, credit hire, employer liability and public liability claims.

Louise has experience dealing with claims for rental arrears and possession of property in the County Court.

Louise is also instructed in cases for the Nursing and Midwifery Council.

Family Law

Louise regularly represents Local Authorities and parents in care proceedings. She is often instructed in Interim Care Orders, Emergency Protection Orders, issue resolution hearings, case management hearings and early final hearings. She has also represented a local authority in a four-day contested final hearing where final care orders and placement orders were successfully sought.

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Her experience in criminal and police work provides valuable insight in cases which involve proceedings in both the family and criminal courts or have particular disclosure issues.

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Education

- 2016 – Law LLB, Newcastle University: 2:1
- 2019 – BPTC, University of Law: Very Competent. BPTC LLM, University of Law: Distinction

Memberships

- Inner Temple
- Personal Injury Bar Association
- Criminal Bar Association
- Family Law Bar Association

Appointments

- CPS Advocate Panel General Crime Level 2