

Joanne Twomey

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Overview

Before coming to the Bar Joanne read Law at Manchester University, graduating with first-class honours. She was called to the Bar in 2017 as a Harmsworth scholar of Middle Temple, also receiving the Blackstone Entrance Exhibition.

Whilst studying the BPTC, Joanne achieved first place (both individual and team) in the UK student mediation competition. She also won the UK student negotiation competition, and represented England in the international negotiation competition in Oslo.

In her free time Joanne likes to keep active by going to the gym, running and playing netball.

Employment & Discrimination

- Joanne acts for both Claimants and Respondents in preliminary and final hearings in all areas of employment and discrimination law.
- She has assisted members of Chambers in advising on the prospects of successfully appealing to the Employment Appeal Tribunal on multiple occasions. During her second six Joanne undertook research for the Respondent in the Supreme Court case *Jhuti v Royal Mail*, which her supervisor was instructed in.
- Joanne has been instructed to advise the Government Legal Department in the McCloud Litigation: concerning an age discrimination claim brought by a number of High Court judges following government pension reforms.
- Joanne regularly advises on a broad range of employment matters, including: discrimination, whistleblowing, constructive dismissal, unfair dismissal and unlawful deduction from wages.

Personal Injury

Joanne regularly appears for both Claimants and Defendants in small and fast track claims. She is gaining expertise in litigation involving road traffic accident, accidents at work and occupiers' liability. Joanne also regularly makes and responds to interim applications as well as drafting pleadings. She is skilled in advising on liability and quantum as well as providing strategic and tactical advice.

Joanne is also instructed in costs and case management conferences on the multi-track and welcomes instructions in this area.

Professional Regulatory & Discipline

Joanne is keen to develop this area of practice and welcomes instructions. During her pupillage Joanne assisted her supervisor in carrying out advisory work for the British Medical Association as well as assisting in cases in front of the General Medical Council and the Health and Care Professions Council.

Expertise

- Clinical Negligence
- Education & Safeguarding
- Employment & Discrimination
- Finance
- Health
- Inquests & Public Inquiries
- Investigations
- Personal Injury
- Professional Regulatory & Discipline
- Public Law
- Travel

Recommendations

"They have good coverage at all levels, meaning you can always find the right barrister for the case in question." Chambers & Partners

Key contacts

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Public Inquiries

- Joanne is gaining experience in public inquiry work and has been instructed by the British Medical Association on the Infected Blood Inquiry.
- Joanne is instructed as junior counsel on behalf of the London Fire Brigade in the *Grenfell Tower Inquiry*.