



## KATE TEMPLE-MABE

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Year of call  
2018

Kate Temple-Mabe is building a mixed practice and accepts instructions in all of chambers' areas of expertise. Her client-focussed and incisive approach to case preparation is complemented by a persuasive and compelling style of advocacy. Kate holds degrees in English Literature from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (BA, summa cum laude) and King's College London (MA). She completed her LLB at Queen Mary University of London, where she achieved the top result in her year in both years of study. She completed the BPTC (Outstanding) at BPP Law School.

### LEGAL EXPERTISE

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#### Family Law

Kate is regularly instructed in the Family Court, with a focus on public and private children cases. She acts for parents, local authorities and children's guardians in all stages of public care proceedings, and has advised and acted in complex private child disputes. She also appears in forced marriage proceedings, and in matters invoking the inherent jurisdiction of the High Court in relation to deprivation of liberty orders for children in care.

She is also building a practice in ancillary relief proceedings and has been instructed in applications covering a wide range of financial remedies.

Kate has a particular interest in the intersection of family law and human rights: she has advised on claims against local authorities under the HRA 1998, and has acted in matters involving publicity and freedom of speech in relation to family proceedings.

Her intensely client-focussed and empathetic approach makes her an excellent choice in matters involving vulnerable parties, whilst her rigorous cross-examination style is well-suited to fact-finding hearings on complex and serious matters. Her clinical negligence practice informs her ability to deal with complex medical evidence.

## Selected Cases

### [Newman v Southampton City Council \[2021\] EWCA Civ 437](#)

Kate acted for a journalist making an unprecedented application to view a range of material in a set of public care proceedings, for the purposes of public interest investigative journalism.

## Crime

Kate's defence work includes matters in the Crown Court and Magistrates' Courts, where she has particular experience acting on behalf of vulnerable defendants. She is also a Level 1 Prosecutor, and has prosecuted lists in the Magistrates' Courts as well as Crown Court matters including POCA confiscation proceedings following complex conspiracy prosecutions. Her experience in the family courts makes her particularly capable of dealing with matters involving domestic abuse.

## Personal Injury & Clinical Negligence

Kate has regularly appeared in the County Courts in small claims, fast-track trials, and civil applications in both the fast- and multi-track. During her pupillage she obtained particular experience in claims for historical child sex abuse (under the supervision of Susannah Johnson) and claims in personal injury against the Ministry of Defence (under the supervision of Adam Walker). She regularly acts both for and against local authorities in public liability claims. Her clinical negligence practice includes acting and advising in multi-track claims involving expert evidence in multiple disciplines.

She has an efficient and effective approach to paperwork and is able to produce precise and detailed written pleadings and advices in circumstances where time is of the essence.

Kate has contributed to Lexis PSL segments including the Practice Notes 'Multiple tortfeasors—liability issues and contribution claims' and 'Tort—the different types of tort'.

## Employment

Kate's employment practice is informed by her time spent as a workplace representative for a major public services union prior to joining the Bar. During her law degree, she studied Labour Law and was awarded the top mark in her year. This background means she is able to advise and act in matters involving more technical aspects of employment and labour law, including trade union disputes. She has acted in matters including claims for unfair dismissal, discrimination, and whistleblowing. She also has a special interest in non-standard working, including zero-hours contracts, nominal self-employment, forced labour and modern slavery.

Kate is a contributing editor of the precedents chapter in the forthcoming edition of Harvey on Industrial Relations and Employment Law.

## **Court of Protection**

Kate has a particular interest in Court of Protection work, having previously worked for the British Institute of Human Rights, a charity specialising in human rights in mental health and capacity. Her involvement in policy work surrounding the Mental Capacity (Amendment) Act has given her an understanding of both the DoLS regime and the new Liberty Protection Safeguards, and her work creating practical guides about the role of human rights in care and treatment has enabled her to communicate about the relevant law in an accessible way. She has gained relevant experience in the family court working with both local authorities and vulnerable clients. Kate is especially interested in cases involving young people, and is experienced in matters invoking the inherent jurisdiction of the High Court. She is a member of the Court of Protection Bar Association.

## **Inquests & Inquiries**

Kate accepts instructions to act for families at inquests, where she is able to draw on her experience in the family courts in order to work empathetically and compassionately with the bereaved. She has a particular interest in Art.2 inquests, informed by her work for a national human rights charity prior to joining the Bar. Her inquests work is supported by her clinical negligence and PI practice, in which she has developed experience dealing with a range of medical and clinical expert evidence.

Kate has contributed to 7BR's practitioner text, Coroner's Investigations and Inquiries.