

Rachel Cooper

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ABOUT ME

Rachel joined Chambers in October 2018 having completed his pupillage under the supervision of Kate Hudson, Tosin Oguntayo, and Nick O'Brien.

She is developing a practice representing clients in all areas of family law with a focus on financial remedy, private law children and public law proceedings. Rachel has recently undertaken complex cases involving allegations of parental alienation and international relocation. Rachel is Direct Access qualified and able to take instructions in this way. In addition to her court work she also enjoys undertaking drafting and advisory work.

EXPERIENCE

Before joining chambers, Rachel qualified as a solicitor into the private family law team at Hanne & Co solicitors (qualified May 2015). Prior to completing her training contract she worked as a paralegal in the public family law team under the supervision of Jackie Pearce. As a solicitor Rachel undertook work in private law children cases and financial remedy cases and worked in a team with Anna Gowen.

Rachel then went on to work as a judicial assistant at the Court of Appeal and worked under the Rt. Hon Lord Justice McFarlane and Rt. Hon Lady Justice Black DBE (as they were) before starting pupillage.

Since January 2016, Rachel volunteered monthly on the Rights of Women telephone advice line and in 2017 was a case worker at the National Centre for Domestic Violence, where she drafted witness statements for injunctive relief applications under the Family Law Act 1996.

EDUCATION

BA English Language and Literature (Euro) (Hons), University of Leeds / Université de Liège, Belgium (Upper Second Class)

MA International Relations, War Studies Dept., King's College, University of London

Graduate Diploma in Law (Distinction); Legal Practice Course (Distinction); Bar Transfer Test, BPP University of Law

LANGUAGES

Spanish (intermediate)

French (intermediate)

Dutch (basic)

MEMBERSHIPS

Honourable Society of Inner Temple

Resolution

Association of Lawyers for Children

Family Law Bar Association

ARTICLES

I can't get no (just) satisfaction (co-authored with Alex Laing) Resolution Review (December 2017)

'Domestic Abuse and the Family Court' with Rachel Cooper and Elizabeth Simos of Ketley Miller Joels Solicitors, Simon Gore webinar series (March 2019)

Child Protection and the Family Court: What You Need to Know: A Book Review, FLBA publication Family Affairs (April 2019)

A day in the life of Rachel Cooper: https://www.familylaw.co.uk/news_and_comment/a-day-in-the-life-of-rachel-cooper

TESTIMONIALS

"I instructed Rachel Cooper on a matrimonial finance matter as she was recommended to me by a colleague. Rachel has a fantastic manner in addition to the delivery of very sound, responsive and user friendly advice. I was able to bring my issues to a fairly swift conclusion and my only regret is that I did not instruct her much earlier. I would not hesitate to recommend her in the future."

"I would like to thank Rachel for her assistance direction and time with the case involving my daughter. It has been a really testing and nerve challenging time for the past few years and yesterday finally felt like a line was drawn under the matter, largely thanks to Rachel. Her help on my case was greatly appreciated. I hope that she will continue to rescue many lost fathers and mothers that find themselves in difficult custody situations."