



Year Of Call: 2012

Practice Areas

EMPLOYMENT LAW
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“Miss Hodge ‘stepped into the breach’ in 2013 before becoming a tenant at very short notice to appear in an inquest that could no longer be dealt with in-house. Her work was exemplary, dealing with complex health service policies. She put all her effort into the job, and gave regular lucid reports regarding what was taking place. She has since been used as a trusted junior tenant – **Client.**”

Background:

Catriona became a tenant in September 2013 after successfully completing her pupillage at 5 Essex Court. Catriona gained a Commendation in her Graduate Diploma in Law with City University in 2010 and was awarded Outstanding on successful completion of her Bar Professional Training Course with City University in 2011.

Before this, she gained an Upper Second Class degree in her Modern History and Modern Languages BA from Trinity College, Oxford from 2005 to 2009 before successfully finishing her MA in European Law at the College of Europe in Bruges from 2011 to 2012.

Catriona also has a number of prestigious awards to her name including earning The Ford-Chadwich Exhibition at Trinity College, Oxford in 2008, The Lord Denning Scholarship at Lincoln’s Inn in 2010 and The European Education Award at Lincoln’s Inn in 2011.

Catriona accepts instructions in all of Chambers’ main practice areas.

Employment

Catriona has gained experience in claims of discrimination and unfair dismissal. She has drafted pleadings on behalf of police forces and represented claimants in the employment tribunal. She is experienced in drafting witness statements and advising on matters of disclosure. She has acted in a variety of cases involving claims of race discrimination, sex discrimination and disability discrimination as well as misconduct and whistleblowing.

Inquests

Catriona has appeared in a number of pre-inquest hearings on behalf of police forces. She is experienced in advising on issues of disclosure and witness evidence. Moreover, she has made written and oral submissions both in pre-inquest hearings and at a full inquest.

Licensing

Catriona has experience in a wide variety of licensing cases. She regularly appears on behalf of Transport for London in licensing appeals to the Magistrates' Court and the Crown Court. She also has experience in handling firearms licensing appeals on behalf of police forces as well as appeals under the Licensing Act 2003.

Personal injury

Catriona has advised on issues of liability and quantum in a large number of personal injury claims. She has dealt with cases involving Occupiers Liability, Defective Premises, Highway Maintenance and Health and Safety at Work. She also has sound experience in drafting particulars of claim and appears in Infant Settlement Approval hearings.

Police Law

Catriona has experience advising on a broad range of civil matters under the Data Protection Act, the Human Rights Act, and the Police and Criminal Evidence Act. She is regularly instructed to handle civil claims on behalf of the police and has experience dealing with disclosure in family court proceedings. She has appeared for a police force in an application for public interest immunity in ongoing care proceedings and has successfully acted for police forces in applications for strike out and to set aside default judgment. Catriona is frequently instructed in applications for civil orders such as ASBOs, SOPOs, ROSHOs and VOOs, as well as in forfeiture applications under the Proceeds of Crime Act and closure orders.

Public Law

Catriona regularly works on immigration cases as part of the Treasury Solicitor's Baby Barrister Scheme. In her capacity as a Baby Barrister, she has drafted summary grounds and witness statements.

Lectures:

Catriona is willing to provide lectures in all of Chambers' main practice areas.

Interests:

Catriona has a keen interest in tennis, theatre, cinema and skiing.

Significant work and cases

Inquests

Re Terence Wotton [2014] - Instructed to appear on behalf of Kent Police at the pre-inquest hearing held to determine the scope of the inquest and the application of the Article 2 procedural duty.

Re Catherine Barrett [2013] - Initially appeared at the pre-inquest hearing to resist an application that the inquest into the death of Catherine Barrett be heard as an Article 2 *Middleton* inquest. Later instructed to represent Kent Police at the four-day substantive hearing which was held with a jury.

Employment

Debra Styles v London United Busways Limited [2014] - Instructed by the Claimant in an 7-day Employment Tribunal case concerning claims for disability discrimination, failure to make reasonable adjustments and sex discrimination.

Adrian Jones v Maitland Court Limited [2013] - Instructed by the Claimant in a claim for automatic unfair dismissal under the Public Interest Disclosure Act. Following a two-day trial in the Central London Employment Tribunal, the Claimant received in excess of £20,000 in compensation.

Police Law

R (on the application of Craig Paolo) v City of London Magistrates' Court & Commissioner of Police for the City of London [2014] EWHC 2011 (Admin) - Instructed to act as a junior for the City of London Police in an application for an order quashing a search warrant on grounds of material non-disclosure.

Lee Baskerville v the Chief Constable of Hertfordshire Constabulary [2014] - Instructed by the Defendant in a successful application to strike out the Claimant's claim for wrongful arrest, false imprisonment, trespass and assault.