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Call: 2016

Molly joined 5 Essex Court as a tenant in September 2018 after successfully completing her pupillage. She accepts instructions in all of Chambers' core practice areas and is part of the Government Legal Department's 'Junior Junior' scheme.

Molly holds a first-class law degree from Trinity College Dublin and a masters from the University of Oxford. She has worked and volunteered in a variety of roles and is a member of Advocate (formerly the Bar Pro Bono Unit).

Police Law

Molly regularly acts for police forces before the Crown and Magistrates' Court in civil applications relating to domestic violence, sexual offending, closure orders and forfeiture of cash under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002. Molly also has experience representing police forces in claims arising under the Police (Property) Act 1897 and in applications for disclosure in the Family Court.

Molly regularly provides advice to police forces on operational queries and, as in-house counsel, has provided assistance to a number of police forces on a range of day-to-day issues.

During pupillage, Molly carried out extensive disclosure reviews for the Metropolitan Police Service and also acted as independent counsel for LPP sifts in a number of ongoing criminal investigations. She also worked on false imprisonment, assault/battery, police misconduct and malicious prosecution cases under the supervision of Jonathan Dixey, Anne Studd QC, Francesca Whitelaw and Claire Palmer.

Employment

As a member of the Government Legal Department's 'Junior Junior' scheme, Molly has assisted in defending a discrimination claim against the government. During pupillage, she worked on cases before the ET and EAT under the supervision of Jonathan Dixey and Claire Palmer, looking particularly at issues around damages/remoteness.

Licensing

Molly frequently acts for Transport for London resisting appeals against licensing decisions relating to taxi and private hire licences, appearing in both the Magistrates' and Crown Court.

She has also been instructed by police forces in firearms licensing appeals to the Crown Court and has appeared for the police in a premises licence review under the Licensing Act 2003.

Public / Administrative

During pupillage, Molly drafted summary and detailed grounds in defence of judicial review proceedings against public authorities. In her own practice, she has advised a police force on a potential judicial review application and drafted the letter before claim.

Molly has further assisted the senior legal team of a core participant in the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA).

Education

Molly is interested in developing her practice in education law and SEN Tribunals. Molly gained experience as a student volunteering on the 'School Exclusion Project' and representing parents in their appeals against their child's permanent exclusion from school. This included representing parents in hearings before the school governing body and/or Independent Review Panels.

Healthcare

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