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Lewis Dunsmure

Call: 2021



Overview

Lewis joined Hailsham as a tenant following successful completion of his pupillage. He is developing a growing practice across all of Chambers' practice areas, including medical law, professional negligence, personal injury, disciplinary and commercial law.

Lewis completed pupillage under the supervision of Henry Bankes-Jones, David Jukes and Alicia Tew. During this time, Lewis gained experience drafting and advising in a variety of matters. Examples include:

Drafting a Particulars of Claim in a conveyancing negligence matter where the claimant had purchased a unit in a student accommodation block which later became insolvent.

Drafting a schedule of loss in a six-figure clinical negligence claim under the Fatal Accidents Act 1976.

Drafting a defence in a dental negligence claim which was complicated by the fact that the Defendant had passed away by the time the Particulars of Claim were served.

Drafting a skeleton argument in response to a wasted costs application against a firm of solicitors.

Advising an insurer on aggregation and the "prior practice" provision under an accountancy firm's professional indemnity policy.

Advising on liability and quantum in a professional negligence claim brought by the disappointed beneficiaries of a will, which had been amended on the basis of incorrect inheritance tax advice.

Following pupillage, Lewis has grown a busy court practice and acts for both Claimants and Defendants in County Court trials, credit hire hearings, interlocutory

applications, infant approval hearings, and CCMCs.

Lewis is also developing a strong advisory and paperwork practice and accepts instructions to advise on liability and quantum as well as to draft pleadings, civil applications, and pre-action correspondence in all of Chambers' practice areas.

Lewis accepts instructions as both sole and junior counsel. Recently, Lewis was led as junior counsel in an interim freezing injunction application relating to a high value civil fraud action.

Prior to pupillage, Lewis worked as a court clerk at Newcastle County Court, assisting Civil and Family judges at County Court and High Court level. Lewis also represented the Middle Temple in the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot 2021.

Education

Durham University, Law LLB: Graduated in 2020 with First Class Honours.

Northumbria University Bar Course LLM: Graduated in 2021 with a Distinction (best performance of his year).

Scholarships and Awards

The Trinity Chambers Prize for the best performance on the Bar Professional Training Course for 2021, Northumbria University.

Enterprise Prize for Opinion Writing 2021, Northumbria University.

Robert Garraway Rice Scholarship, Middle Temple (September 2020).

Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship, Northumbria University (September 2020).

Letter of Commendation for first year results, Durham University (August 2018).

Further Information

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