



Oliver Powell

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Practice Profile

Oliver graduated from the University of Oxford (Lady Margaret Hall) with a Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL) in 2012. Prior to this he studied Law at the University of Birmingham where he obtained a First Class degree.

Before undertaking his legal studies, Oliver graduated from the University of Reading in Land Management with a First Class degree.

Oliver accepted an offer of tenancy at Harcourt Chambers in 2014 after the successful completion of pupillage. He is a family law specialist.

Prizes and Scholarships

- Baron Dr Ver Heyden de Lancey Prize for the highest mark by any Middle Temple student on the BPTC, College of Law, Birmingham
- Winner of the Advocacy Prize on the BPTC, College of Law, Birmingham
- Middle Temple Astbury Scholar for the BPTC
- Middle Temple Astbury Scholar for his law degree at the University of Birmingham
- Sir Henry Barber Law Scholarship from the University of Birmingham

Practice Public law

Oliver has represented clients in the High Court, County Court and FPC in public law proceedings. He acts for local authorities, parents, grandparents and children's guardians in this area. He understands that attending court can be a stressful and confusing experience. Therefore he seeks to reassure his clients and make certain that they understand the process every step of the way.

He has experience of cases involving physical and sexual abuse, domestic violence, neglect, drug and alcohol abuse, non-accidental injuries and emotional abuse. He has also been instructed by the Official Solicitor and has experience in cases where mental capacity has been a live issue.

Private law



Oliver has a busy private law practice. He has experience of applications for all types of orders under the Children Act 1989. Further, he is regularly instructed in cases involving substance misuse and allegations of abuse. Oliver believes that the most effective outcomes are achieved by combining forcefulness with courtesy.

Injunction proceedings

In Family Law Act proceedings, Oliver regularly represents parties at both ex-parte and contested hearings.

Education

- Bar Professional Training Course, Outstanding
- Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL), University of Oxford (Lady Margaret Hall)
- LL.B. Law, University of Birmingham, First Class
- BSc (Hons) Land Management, University of Reading, First Class

Publications

JJW Herring and Oliver Powell, 'The rise and fall of presumptions surrounding the welfare principle' (2013) 43 Family Law 553

Oliver Powell, 'In Whose Best Interests? Reconsidering the Judicial Approach Adopted in Relocation Disputes' (2013) 1 UKLSR 2

Memberships

Family Law Bar Association
Bar Pro Bono Unit
Middle Temple