

Emma Dring



called: 2009

clerk: Martin Hart

education: LLB Sussex, LLM Cambridge

Emma accepts instructions in all areas of chambers' work and is developing a broad practice based on public law.

Emma obtained first class degrees from the University of Sussex (LL.B) and Emmanuel College, University of Cambridge (LL.M). She received a Lord Denning scholarship from Lincoln's Inn for the Bar Vocational Course and was called to the Bar in 2009. She joined chambers on successful completion of pupillage in 2010.

Emma has a particular interest in administrative law. She is co-author (with Prof. Christopher Forsyth) of a chapter in *"Effective Judicial Review: a cornerstone of good governance"* (2010, OUP) on mistake of fact as a ground for judicial review, and the relationship between judicial review and Article 6 ECHR formed the subject of her LL.M thesis. She is currently instructed in a number of judicial review claims and has appeared in the High Court and Court of Appeal on administrative law matters.

Emma has a growing practice in regulatory crime and has successfully prosecuted a wide variety of cases in both magistrates' courts and the Crown Court. Emma has experience in planning enforcement, nuisance/environmental protection, private sector housing regulation, benefit fraud, trading standards and education prosecutions. Emma has also acted for defendants in the magistrates' court in similar matters, and has delivered training to local authority officers and lawyers in this area.

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Other areas of particular interest include licensing, common land/village greens (Emma has appeared in three separate two-week inquiries in these areas) and rights of way.

Housing

Emma advises and appears in court on a wide range of housing matters. She regularly represents clients in possession claims, including those involving anti-social behaviour, unlawful occupation/subletting, Article 8/public law defences and disrepair defences. Emma has significant experience in relation to anti-social behaviour injunctions, committal hearings and applications to suspend warrants.

Emma also has experience in the field of homelessness and has acted on behalf of the appellant in appeals under s.204 and s.204A of the Housing Act 1996. She is keen to further develop her practice in this area.

Emma has previously worked as an appeals officer in the housing benefit department of a south coast local authority and has also prosecuted benefit fraud cases. As such she is familiar with the rules of entitlement and the issues that can arise in housing cases where benefits are in payment.

Publications

Westlaw Insight [2012]

Local Authorities: England

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Effective Judicial Review: a cornerstone of good governance

Co-authored with Prof. Christopher Forsyth a chapter in *"Effective Judicial Review: a cornerstone of good governance"* (2010, OUP)

Associations

- Member of ALBA
- Member of PEBA