



Luke McLean

YEAR OF CALL: 2017



Luke has a very busy family law practice representing clients in public and private law matters.

Luke is eligible to take work from members of the public on a Public Access basis.

In addition to thorough and robust cross-examination, Luke's experience in criminal and public law allows him to give practical advice and solutions in complex cases. Luke is well-regarded by solicitors and lay clients for his down-to-earth approach.

Luke joined Garden Court in January 2021 after successfully completing pupillage.

"Luke did an excellent job at drafting the representations which resulted in this case being discontinued. It isn't very often that you find barristers as passionate as Luke and willing to go the extra mile for our clients."

KAMAL CHANNA, SOLICITOR, 2020

"A massive thank you to Luke who represented two of our client's pro-bono this morning. Combined they had been detained more than 13 months through a pandemic. Two bail grants"

“Luke is an asset to your team, his positive can-do attitude and polite demeanour put us at ease instantly, Luke was open and transparent on his thoughts on the case and gave clear direction. Luke was happy to discuss the case and go through the evidence at length meaning we were able to find the direct contradictions and faults in the prosecution’s case.”

CLIENT, 2020

“It’s refreshing to work with energetic and enthusiastic Counsel. It really makes a difference with clients and makes my life much easier! I hope that we can continue to work with Luke and look forward to many more court hearings”

CONOR JOHNSTONE, M.A.J. LAW, 2020

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FAMILY LAW

Public Law

Luke has a busy public law practice acting for both the Parent and Local Authorities. Luke appears in ICO hearings, IRH and final hearings. Luke has substantial experience dealing with matters involving allegations of domestic abuse and drug and alcohol misuse. Luke has also appeared in cases relating to Non-Accidental Injury and neglect. Luke has acted in obtaining Emergency Protection Orders and obtaining a last-minute recovery order in the High Court.

Private children’s law

Luke has experience dealing with a range of private law matters including matters involving child arrangement

orders, prohibited steps orders, and specific issue orders. He represents individuals at First Hearing Dispute Resolution Appointments, Direction Appointments, Fact-Finding Hearings and Final Hearings. Luke has also appeared before the Court making complex arguments. In a recent case, Luke successfully persuaded a Court to revoke parental responsibility.

Private family law

In addition to private law children matters Luke has experience dealing with private law family matters involving non-molestation orders, occupation orders, and transfer of tenancy. Luke has been involved with various fact-finding and final hearings under the Family Law Act 1996.

Financial Remedy

Luke has represented clients in proceedings under the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973 and is developing a practice in financial remedy cases. He has represented individuals at first appointments and financial dispute resolutions in financial remedy proceedings. Luke has also successfully represented clients in relation to parties seeking periodic payments for child maintenance and lump-sum payments under the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973.

INQUESTS AND INQUIRIES

Luke welcomes instructions in inquests and inquiries work. Before coming to chambers, Luke worked for a local authority on the independent inquiry into child sexual abuse carrying out a variety of tasks, including dealing with subject access requests and reviewing historical files.

Luke most recently worked on the Grenfell tower inquiry, carrying out tasks in preparation for the phase 1 hearings.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND PUBLIC LAW

Luke's first-six pupillage was mainly in public law. Luke observed and assisted on various types of immigration public law cases particularly relating to trafficking decisions and trafficking support. Luke also assisted on public law cases relating to community care under the Care Act 2014.

Having observed various cases relating to community care, support for vulnerable adults and carers under the Care Act 2014, and support for looked after children and care leavers under the Children Act 1989, Luke is keen to build a practice in this area.

COURT OF PROTECTION

Luke is building a practice in court of protection work, particularly in relation to best interests determinations, mental capacity issues and lasting power of attorneys.

BACKGROUND

Before commencing pupillage, Luke worked for a local authority, working on the independent inquiry into child sexual abuse.

Prior to commencing the BPTC, Luke was very involved in his local community, helping members secure access to justice by informing them of their legal rights and ensuring they obtained legal representation.

After successfully completing the BPTC, Luke then went on to work on the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse for Lambeth Council.

Before commencing pupillage, he worked for the independent Grenfell Tower Inquiry team assisting with preparation for the phase 1 hearings.

He prides himself on being adaptable to working with both professionals and members of disadvantaged communities who often have real distrust in the legal system.

EDUCATION

BPTC, City Law School

LLB (Hons), City Law School

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Family Law Bar Association

Accredited Mediator (The Society of Mediators)

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