

Joanne Clement KC

Silk: 2022 Call: 2002

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Joanne took silk in 2022, practicing in all areas of public law and human rights law. Her practice extends from commercial judicial review to claims raising significant constitutional and human rights issues. She is also an expert in local government, and health, community care and mental capacity law, as well as in the field of procurement law and education law. Prior to taking silk, Joanne was a highly rated junior, and was top ranked by the legal directories in six practice areas (Administrative & Public Law, Civil Liberties & Human Rights, Local Government, Education, Community Care and Court of Protection).

She was the Chambers and Partners Public Law and Human Rights Junior of the Year in 2018/19. Recent cases include *R (Article 39) v Secretary of State for Education* [2022] EWHC 589 (Admin) (challenge to statutory instrument banning use of unregulated accommodation for young children); *R (A) v Secretary of State for the Home Department* [2022] EWHC 360 (Admin) (Parliamentary privilege and public law challenges to decisions resulting in primary legislation) and *In Re T* [2021] UKSC 35; [2021] 3 WLR 643 (Article 5, secure accommodation and deprivation of liberty of children).



She's an excellent advocate and an experienced public lawyer. She's direct, clear and very precise. She has the respect of the judiciary.

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Prior to taking silk, Joanne was a member of the Attorney General's Panel of Counsel for 15 years, having most recently been a member of the "A" Panel of Counsel. Joanne was also a member of the Welsh Government's Panel of Junior Counsel, and has now been appointed to the Welsh Government's KC Panel. Joanne has led teams in the Supreme Court, and has regularly appeared as leading or sole counsel in the Court of Appeal, the Administrative Court, the Family Division/Court of Protection and various tribunals.

Joanne sits as a Recorder in the Crown Court (South Eastern Circuit)

Expertise

Inquiries, Inquests & Investigations

Joanne regularly represents public authorities in coronial inquests. She appears at Pre-Inquest reviews, making submissions about the scope of inquests (including whether the inquest should be an Article 2 compliant inquest), advises on evidence to be produced to the Coroner and represents parties at full inquests. Joanne is currently instructed by Wiltshire County Council in the public inquiry into the death of Dawn Sturgess (Novichok poisoning in Salisbury).

Examples of her work in this field include:

Acting for a school in an inquest into the death of a teenager following a severe allergic reaction

Acting for a local authority in an inquest into the death of a teenager who had been supported by them

Acting for a local authority responsible for highway design in an inquest into the death of a cyclist

Acting for a local authority in an inquest into the death of a women with learning disabilities receiving social services support and support from medical practitioners

Acting for the Secretary of State in inquests into the death of prisoners

Achievements

Appointments

2012 – Welsh Government's A Panel of Junior Counsel

2015 – Attorney General's A Panel of Counsel

2018 – Recorder (Crime), South Eastern Circuit

2022 Appointed to silk (and appointed to Welsh Government's Silk Panel)

News, Articles & Publications

International Law in Domestic Courts: the Developing Framework [2008] 124 LQR 388 (with Philip Sales KC)

Contributor to Halsburys Laws of England: Judicial Review title

Information Rights: Law and Practice (Coppel ed.)

Supperstone, Goudie & Walker on Judicial Review (4 th and 5th ed)

Supperstone & Knapman – Administrative Court Practice

Education Law Handbook (contributor, 1st ed. 2021).

Education

Somerville College, Oxford – BA (Jurisprudence), 1 st class

Somerville College, Oxford – BCL, Distinction

Oxford University Eldon Law Scholar (2002)

Gray's Inn Reid Senior Scholarship

Gray's Inn Beddingfield Junior Scholarship

Other

Prior to starting practice, Joanne spent a year as a Judicial Assistant to the Law Lords (working for Lord Hope and Baroness Hale).

In 2006, Joanne was awarded a Pegasus Scholarship and worked in Wellington, New Zealand.



She is one of the best public law juniors at the bar.

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absolutely outstanding, she has an extremely impressive style of advocacy

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A great junior who is immensely confident and has an incredibly good brain

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She's a really excellent advocate who impresses with her speed and diligence

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I'm surprised she's not a silk already, she's brilliant.

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Although a junior, she is of silk quality and has great knowledge of the law – particularly Welsh law. She's pleasant, very able, and very respected by the courts.

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She is down-to-earth but eminently capable of dealing with complex esoteric issues. She exudes confidence and good humour.

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She's approachable, very knowledgeable and pragmatic in her advice.

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very clear in her oral advocacy.

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