

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).



Jo is extremely quick on the uptake and strategic. She is able to analyse the key legal issues and take you to the key issues which are at the heart of the strategy

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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

Local Government

Prior to taking silk, Joanne was the top ranked junior for local government work by Chambers & Partners. Joanne acts regularly both for and against local authorities in complex, high profile cases, and is highly experienced in claims for judicial review (see Public Law entry above).

Joanne has experience of dealing with matters across the full range of local government law, including budget setting and other local government finance, local government reorganization, governance, cuts, charges and service change, the public sector equality duty, local government standards and general vires issues. Joanne has particular expertise in education law and community care / Court of Protection work.



She provides clear, succinct advice and a clear vision on litigation strategy. She shows a strong understanding of her client's needs and willingly adapts her strategy to meet those needs.

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R (London Borough of Havering) v Mayor's Office of Policing and Crime

N/A

acting for the local authority in a high profile challenge to the closure of police stations in London

R (Governing Body of Plumpton College) v East Sussex County Council, West Sussex County Council and Brighton & Hove City Council

N/A

acting for the claimant FE college in a challenge to the funding provided by local authorities for special educational needs placements in the FE sector

R (Ocean Outdoor UK Ltd) v Hammersmith & Fulham London Borough Council

[2019] EWCA CIV 1642

first ever judicial review claim considering whether a lease amounted to a concession contract under the Concession Contracts Regulations; challenge to award of leases to operate advertising towers next to the Hammersmith flyover

R (Liverpool CC and others) v Secretary of State for Health

[2017] EWHC 986 (ADMIN)

claim that central Government's failure to fully fund costs of the deprivation of liberty safeguards created an unacceptable risk of illegality; leading case on central government obligations to fund new burdens on local authorities

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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