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Celine Kart

Call: 2021 (Pupil)

Children Law

Celine has successfully completed her first six of pupillage under the supervision of Charlotte Worsley QC, Head of the Family Team, and Kate Batty, Deputy Head of the Criminal Team. Celine is now accepting instructions and is keen to develop a strong practice in both areas.

During first six, Celine engaged with a variety of complex public and private law family cases, including those with extensive medical evidence from experts, non-accidental injury (including fractures and brain injury due to shaking), serious sexual offences, so-called "honour"-based violence, coercive control and neglect. By working on such factually and legally complex cases, Celine has developed her ability to handle large volumes of information and a capacity to distil the issues for accurate advice and advocacy.

Celine has a rigorous academic background which underpins her case preparation. Whilst studying at Durham University, Celine acted as Pro Bono Project Director for Families in Care, a charity based in the North-East of England. Within this role, Celine advised and supported often vulnerable parents throughout care proceedings. Celine attended hearings with parents, advised them on potential prospects of success upon appeal and guided them through the family courts. Celine completed her Dissertation on Re W and the child's participation in the family courts, receiving a First-Class mark for her research which was later published in the Durham Law Review. She received a scholarship from her University based on proposing this research as a Master of Jurisprudence. Recently, Celine delivered training to Trainee Consultant Paediatricians on giving evidence in family proceedings and worked closely, and successfully, with a North Eastern Circuit paediatrician, Dr. Ruth Skelton.

During her Barrister Training Course, Celine worked as a paralegal in a family law solicitors' firm in Bradford, undertaking work concerning public law care proceedings. Within this role, Celine represented clients at Case Management Hearings and in the Magistrates' Court, attended conferences with clients and drafted a variety of statements of case. From this experience, Celine honed her practical advocacy skills whilst developing an ability to prioritise client care in highly sensitive cases including those of non-accidental injury, neglect, sexual abuse, and so-called "honour"-based violence. Celine readily anticipates accepting instructions in both public and private law matters.

Articles



Education:

2021 - BPP Leeds - BPTC
"Very Competent"/Merit

2020 - Durham University -
LLB (Hons) 2:1 Achieved

Career:

2020 - Paralegal at Bradford
Family Law, Bradford

2021 - Pupil at Park Square
Barristers, Leeds

Memberships:

2021 - Present - North
Eastern Circuit

2020 - Present - The
Honourable Society of the
Middle Temple

Awards:

2020 - Unsung Hero Award,
Durham University (St.
Chad's College)

2020 - Sandi Russell
Memorial Scholarship,
Durham University (St.
Chad's College)

2020 - J.B. Montagu Award,
The Honourable Society of
Middle Temple

2019 - Access to the Bar
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Celine Kart and Oliver Latham discuss recent guidance on the use of participation directions (special measures) given in the Family Division. [Click here](#) to view.

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Crime

Celine has successfully completed her first six of pupillage under the supervision of Charlotte Worsley QC, Head of the Family Team, and Kate Batty, Deputy Head of the Criminal Team. Celine is now accepting instructions and is keen to develop a strong practice in both Criminal and Family Law.

During her first six, Celine engaged with a wide range of criminal matters in the Magistrates' Court, Crown Court and Court of Appeal. Cases have included child sexual exploitation and grooming, murder, serious sexual offences and gang violence. By observing cases with complex factual issues, Celine has developed a diligent eye for detail in her preparation. Celine also observed a recent reported case of gross negligence manslaughter as a noting junior.

In the Magistrates' Court, Celine has seen a variety of preliminary hearings, trials and sentences in preparation for her second six. Prior to Pupillage, Celine often appeared in the Magistrates' Court in her role as a paralegal at a family law solicitors firm. Through this experience, Celine demonstrated her aptitude for representing vulnerable clients and a comprehensive understanding of her cases. Combining these experiences with her first six of pupillage, Celine is confident in representing a wide range of clients, either for the defence or prosecution.

Celine has also spent a proportion of time at the other side of the bench, marshalling members of the judiciary, enabling her to have a judicial insight to the cases at hand.

By being supervised in both Criminal and Children Law throughout her first six, Celine has developed an appreciation for the crossover of both areas and transference of skills across jurisdictions. Prior to coming to the Bar, Celine worked extensively with vulnerable witnesses and victims of sexual violence in partnership with Rape Crisis and in a pro-bono capacity. She has honed skills required to put clients at ease and anticipates deploying these important skills into practice.

During her Barrister Training, Celine obtained Outstanding marks in her criminal advocacy, which she will utilise across her practice. Celine has deployed these advocacy skills whilst competing in a variety of advocacy and mooted competitions throughout her higher education. Also demonstrating strong written advocacy, in 2021, Celine was shortlisted by the Sentencing Academy for her research into the voice of the child in criminal proceedings and readily anticipates accepting Youth Court instructions.

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Personal Injury

Celine has successfully completed her first six of pupillage under the supervision of Charlotte Worsley QC, Head of the Family Team, and Kate Batty, Deputy Head of the Criminal Team. During pupillage, Celine has also engaged in Credit Hire hearings and is keen to accept instructions in these matters, in order to develop a flourishing practice. Celine's dedication to preparation and hard work underpins her professional approach, which will be utilised in such cases. Celine has a rigorous academic background which underpins her case preparation. Whilst studying at Durham University, Celine acted as Pro Bono Project Director for Families in Care, a charity based in the North-East of England. Within this role, Celine advised and supported often vulnerable parents throughout care proceedings. Celine attended hearings with parents, advised them on potential prospects of success upon appeal and guided them through the family courts. Celine completed her Dissertation on Re W and the child's participation in the family courts, receiving a First-Class mark for her research, later published in the Durham Law Review. She received a scholarship from her University based upon proposing this research as a Master of Jurisprudence. Through her work in family law Celine has honed an acute understanding of the demands of civil law.

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