

Marie Paris



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Profile

During the first six months of her pupillage, Marie was under the supervision of Zia Nabi. Marie assisted on several homelessness appeals and claims for judicial review challenging local authority decisions on housing and community care. She gained a particular insight into the ways in which the Equality Act 2010 intersects with housing and homelessness law.

Marie assisted on challenges against the operation of housing allocation schemes, including the case of *R (Nur & Anor) v Birmingham City Council* [2020] EWHC 3526 (Admin).

Marie also gained experience drafting pleadings in standalone claims for breaches of the Equality Act 2010 and the Human Rights Act 1998, as well as defences to possession proceedings.

Previous Experience

Prior to joining the bar, Marie was a housing and welfare benefits paralegal at the South West London Law Centres. As a duty advisor, she provided emergency advice and representation to tenants and mortgagors facing eviction across three county courts.

Marie managed her own caseload for clients who were either experiencing homelessness or at risk of losing their homes. Marie specialised in acting for clients with severe mental health

conditions and those lacking litigation capacity.

Marie has helped clients to successfully challenge homelessness decisions, defend possession proceedings, resist injunctions and bring claims against their landlords for disrepair and discrimination.

Marie has a firm understanding of the complexities of the Legal Aid system, having managed her own certificated and controlled matters. She has also made successful applications for exceptional case funding.

Whilst at the Law Centre, Marie provided training in homelessness law to non-profit organisations and social prescribers based in South London.

Marie is a member of the executive committee of the Junior Housing Lawyers Practitioners Association.

Education

GDL, University of Law (Distinction)

MA (Hons.), University of St Andrews (Modern History)

Related practice areas

Housing, Social Welfare and Property