

Beth Chalcraft



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Profile

Before commencing pupillage, Beth was the Judicial Assistant to Lady Justice Whipple and Lord Justice Green at the Court of Appeal. She drafted notes for judges for cases such as *Young v Downey* [2025] EWCA Civ 177 (personal injury), *Clarke v Poole & Ors* [2025] EWCA Civ 447 (consent to diagnostic testing), *R (YVR) v Birmingham City Council* [2025] EWCA Civ 393 (community care), *R (A) v North Central London Integrated Care Board* [2025] EWCA Civ 485 (community care), and *Morrow v HM Assistant Coroner for Merseyside* [2025] EWHC 935 (Admin) (inquests). Prior to this, Beth worked as a Research Assistant at the Law Commission. She drafted chapters of the Burial, Cremation and New Funerary Methods consultation paper.

Beth gained experience in clinical negligence claims and inquests as a paralegal at Hodge Jones & Allen Solicitors. She assisted with high value clinical negligence claims and inquests for families involved in the Lampard Inquiry, a statutory inquiry investigating the deaths of mental health inpatients. She developed her experience when volunteering for Action against Medical Accidents, a charity providing advice on medico-legal matters.

While volunteering for Communities Empowerment Network, a charity providing representation for excluded children, Beth represented a client in a discrimination matter in

the First-tier Tribunal (Special Educational Needs and Disability) and a Governors' Disciplinary Committee hearing. This built on her experience at Suffolk Law Centre where she worked on discrimination claims in the Employment Tribunal.

Beth has legal research experience: she wrote a paper on organ donation and the Court of Protection for the Laboratory for the Research of Medical Law and Bioethics, and she drafted a literature review on "smart" medical devices as an Undergraduate Research Scholar.

Education

LLB (Hons) – University of Birmingham (First Class), 2017-2020

Bar Practice Course – The University of Law (Very Competent), 2021-2022

Related practice areas

Clinical Negligence, Personal Injury & Product Liability

Inquests and Public Inquiries

Court of Protection & Mental Health