



Rosa Thomas

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Education

Rosa Thomas appears regularly for parents, young people, Local Authorities and schools in the First-tier Tribunal.

Rosa has acted or advised in a broad range of education law matters, including:

- Appeals to the SEND Tribunal on the content of EHC Plans
- Discrimination claims in the First-tier Tribunal
- Judicial Review claims
- Independent Review Panels for School Exclusions
- Claims for non-payment of independent school fees

Some recent examples include:

- Successfully representing a child with ASD in his section B and F Appeal enabling a detailed incremental transition plan, including transport to his residential placement, to be written into section F of the EHCP.
- Successfully representing a twenty-two-year-old young person in his "cease to maintain" appeal in a matter that also concerned whether the placement in question was a school within the meaning of the law.
- Successfully representing a Local Authority seeking to resist provision being made outside of school through an extensive EOTIS package including an ABA model.
- Rosa advises on judicial review matters and recently appeared in the High Court as junior counsel in the reported case of *The King (on the application of (1) LM and (2) AM) v An Academy Trust* [2024] EWHC 2267 (Admin).

Rosa has recently delivered training on school exclusions, school admissions, and addressing disability discrimination in schools.

Before coming to the Bar Rosa was a volunteer representative with the Schools Exclusion Project and represented parents at Governors' Disciplinary Committees and Independent Review Panels to seek the reinstatement of excluded students.

Articles

[Rosa Thomas](#) writes for LexisNexis titled *Provision in the home does have a place in EHC Plans (London Borough of Camden v KT)*

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Academic qualifications

- BVS, City, University of London, Merit
- GDL, City, University of London, Distinction
- BA History and Politics, St Anne's College, Oxford University, 2.1

Scholarships

- Bar Course Major Scholar, Inner Temple
- Serle Court/City Prize for Equity & Trusts
- GDL Exhibition Award, Inner Temple
- St Anne's College Scholar, Oxford University