



Naomi Webber

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Education Law

Naomi Webber has a busy education practice, across a range of areas of law and a variety of jurisdictions. She regularly acts for and advises parents, local authorities and schools. Her experience includes:

- Regularly appearing in the First-tier Tribunal for parents and local authorities in EHCP appeals, including refusal to issue EHC plans and appeals of sections B, F and I
- Acting for parents and schools in disability discrimination claims in the First-tier Tribunal and Upper Tribunal
- Advising on breach of contract claims against independent schools
- Acting for and advising students, schools, and universities in discrimination, negligence, and breach of contract claims in the County Court
- Advising local authorities on policy decisions in relation to school admissions
- Clerking school admissions panels and independent review panels (school exclusions)
- She also regularly provides training to local authorities on admissions, exclusions and EHCP appeals

Prior to pupillage, Naomi worked as a research assistant at the University of Oxford, examining the effect of the 2012 changes to the law of school exclusions.

Naomi has a particular interest in religion and education and wrote her masters' dissertation on whether children have a right to a secular education.

Publications

Naomi Webber was co-author with Lucinda Ferguson of "***School Exclusion and the Law: A Literature Review and Scoping Survey of Practice.***" (Department of Education, University of Oxford, January 2015)

Recommendations

Naomi Webber is adept at representing both respondents and claimants in employment proceedings spanning unfair dismissal, wage disputes and discrimination claims. She has appeared in a Supreme Court appeal concerning holiday pay for part-year workers.

Strengths: "Naomi Webber's relatively junior call belies an incredibly capable, strong and diligent advocate."
"Naomi is able to get to the core of the issues involved in complex cases to achieve the desired result."

Chambers UK 2024/Employment/South Easter Bar

Strengths: "Naomi was really commercial with what we needed and did it quickly, which was a large part of what allowed us to attack and ultimately settle."

Chambers UK 2023/Employment/South Eastern Bar

'Naomi has the ability to explain fairly technical aspects of employment law clearly, thoroughly and without unnecessary jargon.'

Legal 500 2024/Employment/Rising stars/South Eastern Circuit

'Naomi is excellent – she is extremely thorough and capable. She is highly approachable and has excellent attention to detail. Her attendance notes are always comprehensive.'

Rising star Naomi Webber is 'an incredibly capable, strong, and diligent barrister' and successfully represented an employer in direct and indirect sex discrimination claims relating to breastfeeding and childcare.

Legal 500 2023/Employment/Rising stars/South Eastern Circuit

Academic qualifications

- Bar Professional Training Course, City Law School, 2016-17
- LLM in Law, University College London, 2015-16
- BA Jurisprudence (Law), Worcester College, University of Oxford, 2011-2014

Scholarships

- Inner Temple Exhibition Award, 2016

Professional bodies

- Constitutional and Administrative Law Bar Association (ALBA)
- Education Law Association (ELAS)
- Employment Lawyers Association (ELA)
- Employment Law Bar Association (ELBA)
- Industrial Law Society (ILS)

Rankings

- Legal 500 – Rising Star (Employment, South East)
- Chambers and Partners – Up and Coming (Employment, South East)