



Emma Shiels

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Overview

Emma Shiels joined 3PB in September 2024 as a probationary tenant barrister from another well-known chambers on the Midlands Circuit. Emma's practice is primarily focused on property disputes, probate & estates and general commercial. She is frequently instructed in possession actions, housing disrepair matters and injunctions. Emma has an interest in Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act cases and offers experience of working on matters where equitable accounting arises within ToLATA proceedings.

Recently, Emma has successfully negotiated favourable outcomes for clients in a range of civil matters including; matters involving arguments on technical defects (leading to a successful outcome for her clients), mortgage possession claims and matters where there is a dispute surrounding a leasehold agreement. Emma has also represented landlords in the First Tier Tribunal, notably in an appeal against a civil penalty imposed under Section 249a of the Housing Act 1984. As well as general property matters, Emma has also experience in contentious probate matters, recently being involved in a matter listed in the High Court.

Emma coaches football at an elite level at Leicester City Football Club's Academy and is a England Women's Technical and Future Lionesses Coach. She is fast-developing a niche sports law practice. Using her experience as a player and coach and in dealing with the FA's disciplinary panels, she is particularly focused in regulatory and disciplinary proceedings frameworks within football as well as other sports. Previously, Emma worked as a secondary school teacher specialising in both mathematics and law. She also has volunteered as an adviser at the Citizens Advice Bureau and the University of Law's Legal Advice Centre, across a wide range of legal issues including housing matters, debt and family law. Emma has also volunteered as a tribunal advocate, appearing on behalf of clients in appeal hearings.

Emma is routinely praised for her advocacy skills and clear concise written work from lay and professional clients alike.

Outside of work and in-between practice and coaching football, Emma is learning Spanish and has recently taken up playing the piano - which she mostly enjoys !!

Academic qualifications

- BPTC LLM, Very Competent, University of Law
- LLB, 2:1, Nottingham Law School
- PGCE/MSC in Mathematics and Secondary Education, Loughborough University

Scholarships

- Excellence in Law Award, Nottingham Law School
- Finalist, LEX/Shoosmiths Negotiation Competition, Shoosmiths Nottingham

Professional bodies

- Honourable Society of Gray's Inn