



Sophie Laurence

Barrister

Year of Call: 2020

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Specialist Areas:

Care Proceedings
Child Arrangements
Domestic Violence
Adoption and Special Guardianship

Profile:

Sophie undertakes work in Public and Private Children Law and Family Law Act matters and has represented Local Authorities, parents, Children's Guardians and Grandparents. Sophie's practice includes cases involving:

- Domestic Violence
- Cases involving alcohol and drug misuse, including cases allocated to the FDAC Court
- Mental health
- Neglect
- Special guardianship
- Adoption
- Prohibited Steps Orders and Specific Issue Orders
- Non-Molestation Orders and Occupation Orders

Education:

LLM Legal Practice (Barristers), BPP University – Distinction. Including the Bar Professional Training Course – Very Competent

Graduate Diploma in Law, BPP University – Commendation

Master of Arts in Victorian Literary Studies, Durham University – Merit

Bachelor of Arts in English Literature, Royal Holloway, University of London – 2:1

Scholarships and Awards:

Sweet and Maxwell Scholarship, Inner Temple, 2021
Dean of the Law School Scholarship, BPP University, 2018

Postgraduate Scholarship, Durham University, 2016
Academic Scholarship, Royal Holloway, University of London, 2013

Memberships:

Inner Temple

Languages:

Mandarin - intermediate

Background:

Prior to joining Senate House Chambers, Sophie worked as a County Court Advocate for Quest Legal Advocates, attending Infant Approval Hearings for children's personal injury compensation claims.

Sophie completed pro-bono work as a Student Legal Adviser at the BPP London Family Legal Advice Clinic. Sophie provided free legal advice to members of the community on family law issues including divorce, relocation and child arrangement disputes.

After university, Sophie lived and worked in Shanghai whilst studying Mandarin.

