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Winner of Legal Professional of the Year at Manchester Young Talent Awards (MYTA) 2022. Holly specialises in Regulatory and Education work. Since her call to the bar in 2016 and completing pupillage at Browne Jacobson in 2019 Holly has built a thriving practice appearing regularly in front of Professional Conduct Panels, the First/Upper Tier Tribunal, HM Coroners and Judges ranging from District Judge to Court of Appeal.

Holly's highlights include obtaining a FGMPPO on behalf of a school, representing education clients in defending Equality Act and disability discrimination claims, supporting health care providers and schools through the coronial process, and prosecuting multiple day/week professional discipline cases. She is known for her sensitive approach when dealing with vulnerable witnesses.

Rated as on the 'Rising Star List' in March 2020, in celebration of international Women's Day for the Manchester's Evening News, Holly is passionate about encouraging future junior members of the bar and regularly participates in University and Lincoln's Inn Education events and has recently become an elected member of the Lincoln's Inn Bar Representation Committee. Holly has also acted as a Mentor within Browne Jacobson's Mentor Programme.

Holly was also shortlisted for Lawyer of the Year at the Made in Manchester Awards (MIMA) 2022.

Expertise

Sectors

Central government

Local government

NHS mental and community
health trusts

Independent health and care

NHS acute trusts

Social care

Insurance

Featured experience

Civil Courts - Equality Act 2010 claims

Holly acted for an education client in drafting pleadings and representing in interlocutory hearings considering complex areas of the Equality Act 2010 and whether policies, practices, online content, and opportunities to create diversity infringe on Article rights and/or are in breach of the Equality Act for race discrimination.

First Tier Tribunal Disability Discrimination

Holly acted for the responsible body in a matter concerning various claims of disability discrimination including direct discrimination and victimisation. After a lengthy process, Holly was successful in assisting the Client have the whole of the claim dismissed.

Inquests - David Knight

Holly represented the Trust in an inquest concerning a death following in patient care at the Trust. The Inquest gained local press attention and Holly was able to assist the client by evidencing to the Coroner steps had been taken to action any identified issues and take appropriate action to prevent future deaths.

Permission for Judicial Review

Holly successfully defended an application for permission to apply for judicial review, on behalf of an education client. The case concerned alleged issues with deregistration of a pupil and compliance with statutory guidance, Keeping Children Safe in Education 2021.

Testimonials

Clients

'I really do appreciate the sensitivity and professionalism you have shown...'

Vulnerable witness ,

"You were fairness personified this week, and a model of kindness."

Opposing Counsel ,

"Holly achieved a great result for my client, the claim against them was struck out thanks to Holly's written and oral submissions. She also secured an order for the Claimant to pay the Defendant's costs so we were able to recover in excess of £14,000."

Anonymous client,