

## SOPHIE WALMSLEY

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Sophie joined Chambers in February 2021 after successful completion of a specialist personal injury and clinical negligence pupillage under the supervision of Oliver Moore.

Sophie read law at the University of Manchester and completed a Masters in Healthcare Law and Ethics.

Prior to pupillage, she worked as a fee earner in a solicitor's firm in their personal injury department. She gained experience of a variety of matters including those on the MOJ portal. Sophie also worked as a paralegal for a partner in a northern firm dealing with clinical negligence claims on behalf of claimants. Sophie further developed her clinical negligence experience prior to pupillage and completed a secondment at an NHS Trust working in the legal services department.

Sophie continues to develop a busy practice both in and out of court.

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## PERSONAL INJURY

Sophie is developing a busy personal injury practice and is frequently in court representing both claimants and defendants on a variety of matters including occupiers' liability, public liability, employers' liability and road traffic accidents.

Sophie regularly appears in court dealing with:

- Fast track trials
- Small claims including credit hire
- Stage 3 hearings
- Infant settlement approvals
- Applications including pre-action disclosure and relief from sanctions

During her pupillage with Oliver Moore, Sophie drafted advices and pleadings on a variety of complex personal injury claims, including fatal accidents claims and cases involving catastrophic injury. Sophie also observed a number of hearings including CCMCs and hearings involving costs disputes.

Sophie is happy to work on a nil-uplift CFA basis in appropriate cases.

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## CLINICAL NEGLIGENCE

Prior to pupillage, Sophie gained experience working in a busy NHS trust within their legal services department and would regularly liaise with the Trust's solicitors and NHS resolution. As a result of her experience, Sophie has a good insight into clinical negligence claims from both the claimant's and the defendant's perspective.

Sophie was exposed to a variety of clinical negligence work during pupillage. Sophie considered issues of delayed diagnosis, pressure sores and issues of consent during her pupillage.

Sophie is happy to work on a nil-uplift CFA basis in appropriate cases.

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## MEMBERSHIPS:

PIBA

Member of the Government Legal Department Junior Junior Scheme

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## EDUCATION:

- LLB (Hons) Law, University of Manchester
  - LLM Healthcare Law and Ethics, Distinction, University of Manchester
  - BPTC, Very Competent, BPP Law School Manchester
  - Harmsworth Scholar, The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple
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