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Summary & Areas of Practice:

Holly joined Chambers in March 2021.

Prior to joining Chambers, Holly worked as an in-house lawyer for a large local authority for over 10 years. During this time, Holly developed extensive experience of education-related disputes, including appeals to the First-Tier Tribunal (SEND) relating to Education, Health and Care Plans, and disability discrimination claims. Holly has delivered training to several other local authorities on special educational needs law. Holly also has an interest in human rights, and has volunteered for Liberty as an Information and Advice Volunteer.

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Education Law:

Holly is experienced in advising and representing local authorities and governing bodies in relation to education law matters.

Holly has particular experience of appeals to the First-tier Tribunal (Special Educational Needs and Disability), including:

• Appeals against refusals to carry out an EHC needs assessment;

• Appeals against refusals to issue an EHC plan;

• Appeals in relation to the contents of an EHC plan (including placement appeals);

• Appeals against decisions to cease to maintain an EHC plan;

• Appeals brought under the SEND Tribunal Single Route of Redress National Trial;

â€¢ Education-related disability discrimination claims brought under the Equality Act 2010. Holly is also happy to advise in relation to education-related judicial review challenges. Holly has provided training to numerous local authorities and has been published in the area of special educational needs law. In a private capacity, Holly acts as a school governor for a maintained primary school. In this role, she has been involved in considering revisions to school policies, and overseeing the financial performance of the school, amongst other things.

Holly welcomes instructions from local authorities and private client solicitors.

Memberships:

Member of the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn

Member of the Court of Protection Practitioners' Association (CoPPA)

Member of the Court of Protection Bar Association (CPBA)

Publications:

"The boundary between education and healthcare provision in education, health and care plans: to what extent does the SEND Tribunal Single Route of Redress National Trial represent a move towards a more holistic approach?", Journal of the Centre for Rights and Justice, Nottingham Law School, March 2020, Vol 1(i).

"A more holistic approach to meeting children's and young people's needs?", Legal Action Magazine, August 201

Education:

LLM in Legal Practice, Nottingham Law School, Distinction, 2019

BVC, Nottingham Law School, Very Competent, 2008

GDL, Nottingham Law School, Distinction, 2007

BA Hons (European Studies and French), University of Manchester, First Class, 2006

Interests:

In her spare time, Holly enjoys reading, walking and spending time with family and friends.

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