

# Olivia Whitworth

Call: 2018

"Olivia is calm under pressure, is able to simplify matters and takes a professional approach to cases. She always has the best interests of the child in the forefront of her mind. Her advocacy is excellent, and her negotiation skills are first rate."

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Oliver Whitworth is a member of the Crime and Family Groups, and has quickly developed a very successful practice.

## Expertise

### Crime

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Olivia has quickly developed a very successful Crown Court practice on circuit and is considered to be a strong junior with a practice beyond her year of call. She is a grade 3 prosecutor and is often instructed against senior practitioners who are of significantly more years call. She regularly undertakes multi day trials on behalf of both the prosecution and the defence. Outside of court she undertakes instructions as a disclosure junior. Olivia has advised on Court of Appeal cases against both conviction and sentence and often undertakes matters with complex legal issues. She also accepts instructions in youth court work.

Olivia is recognised for her calm, clear and practical approach to cases as well as her strong interpersonal skills which allow her to develop a strong rapport with her clients. She is also know for her succinct and concise advocacy style and incisive cross examination skills.

Olivia also has an advanced family practice which allows her to have an insight and understanding beyond that of her peers into issues that arise from family proceedings and social services disclosure which give her useful skills which directly apply within her criminal practice. She has also undertaken cross examination of medical professionals and other experts which assists her in understanding complex disclosure within criminal proceedings.

Olivia undertakes a range of both private and public childrens work. Since beginning her second six she has appeared on behalf of both parents and guardians in public work and has represented individuals in a number of private law children's cases. She also acts for individuals seeking occupation and non-molestation orders.

### Family

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Olivia Whitworth was called in 2018 having completed an undergraduate degree, master's degree and a scholarship funded PhD at the University of Birmingham. Post graduation she worked in Parliament alongside undertaking the GDL and BPTC which she completed in 2018, having been awarded the Lord Mansfield scholarship by Lincoln's Inn.

Olivia has quickly developed a very successful children law practice on circuit and is considered to have a practice beyond her year of call. She regularly undertakes multi-day fact finds and final hearings and has been instructed for local authorities, parents and on behalf of the children. Olivia has regularly appeared in the High Court on complex matters including proceedings involving deprivation of liberty orders and jurisdictional issues.

In care proceedings Olivia is often instructed on behalf of parents with cognitive challenges and is adept at making part 25 applications to ensure they are sufficiently assessed and supported throughout proceedings.

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Olivia also has an advanced criminal practice which allows her to have an insight and understanding beyond that of her peers into police disclosure and the complex issues which arise when there is a crossover with criminal proceedings.

## Awards



## Accreditations

- Lord Mansfield Major Award Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn
- University of Birmingham College of Social Science PhD scholarship

## Memberships

- Criminal Bar Association
- Lincoln's Inn
- Denning Society

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## Qualifications

- BPTC – University of Law
- GDL – BPP Law School
- PhD – University of Birmingham
- MA (hons) – University of Birmingham
- BA (hons) – University of Birmingham

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