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Kiera has been an integral part of the firm's Exeter office throughout (and since) completion of her pupillage under the supervision of Luke Berry. Kiera has appeared in courts across the country dealing with work as varied as court of protection, inquests, education and regulatory proceedings.

Alongside a busy court diary, Kiera drafts court documents and advises clients across the full field of the firm's work. Kiera is also routinely instructed in complex multi-day hearings dealing with vulnerable witnesses, historic sexual and general abuse allegations as well as proceedings involving health, welfare and serious medical treatment.

Prior to commencing pupillage, Kiera worked as a construction and property litigation paralegal where she assisted in a wide variety of contentious and non-contentious matters including rent arrears claims, land disputes and architectural negligence claims. Additionally, Kiera has been a senior member of the Valuation Tribunal for England and Wales for the past four years, regularly chairing appeals related to council tax banding, rateable values, and business rates.

Kiera is the 2024 recipient of the Sutton Trust Alumni Volunteer Award for her outstanding contributions to the Pathways to Law programme and other widening participation initiatives. Passionate about breaking down barriers, Kiera actively participates in the firm's Social Mobility Group, where she developed a free job simulator for aspiring barristers.

Expertise

Sectors

Academy trusts and schools

Independent health and care

NHS acute trusts

Central government

Insurance

NHS mental and community health trusts

Higher education institutions and universities

Local government

Social care

Featured experience

Teachers Regulation Agency

Acted for the Teachers Regulation Agency in multiple disciplinary hearings arising from breaches of teaching standards. Acted in multiple cases arising from inappropriate relationships and sexual misconduct.

Court of Protection

Acted for an Integrated Care Board on proceedings concerning supported living placements and the restrictions authorised to support care.

Inquests

Acted for multiple public bodies in inquests arising from prison death, inpatient death and death in a care facility.

Testimonials

Clients

"I have had the pleasure of working with Kiera on several disability discrimination cases over the past year, and I must say that her knowledge and experience have been a real asset in these cases. She consistently demonstrates a deep understanding of the issues at hand, and her ability to provide insightful and practical advice has been invaluable."

Client,

"Kiera has a determination to get into the detail quickly and efficiently, and then assimilate the evidence to provide intelligent analysis and advice. She is a strong team player, driven and great to work alongside."

Partner, Insurance and Public Risk, Browne Jacobson

"A big thank you to Kiera for all her support, guidance and patience. Kiera you were professional, kind and patient, checking in on me and making sure all connections and material was received ok - so thank you!"

HR Director, A school

"I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for stepping in at short notice to support. I thought that your knowledge of the inquest process on the day was invaluable and I am confident that your contribution assisted in securing the short narrative and the PFD."

Healthcare Safeguarding, Quality and Court of Protection Manager, A CCG