



# Matthew Howarth

Call to the Bar: 2016

Matthew spent two years at Baker & McKenzie before commencing pupillage. He was instructed on a large-scale prosecution for market manipulation and gained a useful insight into Banking and Financial litigation. This was in addition to working with the Eurozone 2015 Property and Estates team of the year. Subsequently he receives work in both fields of crime and property.

Through his efforts, he was appointed Chair for Global Service Belfast Pro Bono and initiated an international project to combat homelessness and to support refugees following the crisis in the Middle East. Matthew canvassed with Local Governments to change existing policies to support refugees. This has enabled Matthew to represent numerous clients in the Immigration tribunals.

Throughout Bar School, he represented Defendants in the County Court on behalf of Brent Council. Matthew was a duty advocate and addressed all private/public landlord and tenant applications. As a second-six pupil, Matthew often appears on behalf of Local Authorities, recently with an ASBO injunction and further in giving a seminar on Debt Recovery.

Just prior to pupillage, in August, Matthew worked at Jones Myers Family Law Solicitors within the Probate and Trusts, and Care teams. He would often advise on probate matters in addition to emergency applications heard at the County Court. Matthew is subsequently a very able and willing advocate for vulnerable individuals in all courts. Matthew is a qualified public access barrister.

## Crime

Since joining chambers, Matthew has been under the supervision of Alex Leach. Subsequently, he has undertaken a number of serious matters defending in the Crown Court including: Abduction, Perverting the course of Justice, Sexual Offences, Breach of Court Orders, Common Assault, Witness Intimidation and offences under the Prison act.

This is in addition to conducting trials in the Magistrates on behalf of both Defendant and the Crown Prosecution Service. In doing so, Matthew has conducted a number of matters ranging from Domestic Violence to Road Traffic Offences.

Interestingly, 'Hacked Off' instructed Matthew for the victim's rights group to conduct a judicial review during his first six. This involved the analyses of large

Matthew has attended a number of Oral Recall Hearings on a range of cases in front of Panels within Her Majesty's Prison Services. He is able to offer advice and advocacy assistance to solicitors and lay clients for these types of hearings. amounts of evidence during a short period of time.

## Civil and Immigration

Matthew has followed the lead of Charles Bloomer, at Lincoln House Chambers. Charles has supervised Matthew, throughout his first six, on a large number of immigration and civil cases.

Subsequently, Matthew receives instructions in asylum cases and has represented clients in both the upper and first tier tribunals. He is also able to assist with grounds of appeal.

Matthew's civil background meant he has picked up instructions in civil matters, ranging from drafting for infant approvals to injunctions in the County Court. He has prepared cases for the small claims courts right up to the Court of Appeal.

## Housing/Property

Matthew accepts a wide range of instructions in residential and commercial property. He has dealt with both areas throughout his work at Baker & McKenzie and Brent Council.

Matthew is routinely instructed on behalf of Respondent and Local Authorities in Business Rates disputes. He has recently done a number of applications for Liability Orders and has contested these applications at trial.

He is routinely instructed to advise on HMO licences and has represented Landlords and Tenants in Business Tenancy proceedings for Forfeiture and on Tenancy renewal applications.

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## Personal

As a young barrister, Matthew enjoys sitting on a number of committees. He is Pupillage officer at Middle Temple Young Barristers Committee and head of the northern sub-committee. His focus in 2017 is to promote well-being for young lawyers.

In his past life, Matthew played rugby at representative level in Ulster and made several appearances as a commentator on BBC Sport and UTV Radio.

As a result of his endeavors, both in and out of a legal setting, Matthew was awarded the Diana, Princess of Wales Major Scholarship for the Bar. This was in recognition of his character and ability through merit. HRH The Duke of Cambridge awarded Matthew the scholarship, in May 2015, at Kensington Palace.

## Regulatory

Matthew is often instructed on a wide range of professional negligence matters against and for doctors, dentists and solicitors. He is routinely instructed to draft advices, assist with letters before action and represent professional clients at court.

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