

Sophie Johnstone

| Pupil | Call 2021

Sophie joined Trinity Chambers as a pupil in October 2023 under the Supervision of Laura Jane Miller and is undertaking a specialist criminal pupillage.

EXPERTISE

Sophie has a strong background in County Court advocacy, working as an in-house advocate at a prominent solicitor's firm in the North East. During her time in this role, Sophie dealt with a variety of hearings covering personal injury and credit hire matters. Sophie was also tasked with drafting various legal documents, including skeleton arguments, and assisted with valuing claims for opinions on quantum. Sophie is keen to develop her advocacy skills in a criminal context and Sophie is interested in both prosecuting and defending.

Whilst at university, Sophie volunteered for the National Centre for Domestic Violence. As part of this role, Sophie was tasked with calling victims of domestic abuse, and asking various difficult questions to elicit sensitive information regarding incidents to assist with the drafting of witness statements to obtain emergency injunctions (non-molestation orders and occupation orders). Sophie has experience in dealing with highly vulnerable individuals and Sophie is very keen to expand on this further in a criminal context.

Prior to pupillage, Sophie also worked in a local firm of solicitors who specialise in civil fraud and authorised push payment scams. Sophie also has experience dealing with consumer mis-selling claims under section 75 and section 140 of the Consumer Credit Act 1974. Sophie spent significant time researching authorised push payment fraud, and is particularly interested in this area, and hopes to develop her knowledge of cryptocurrency scams and the recovery of crypto assets. Sophie has a particular interest in developing her experience in financial and regulatory crime.

EDUCATION

- Newcastle University LLB Hons (2.1)
- Northumbria University, Bar Professional Training Course (Very Competent) with LLM (Distinction)

AWARDS

- BPP, Advocate of the Year, Winner (2018)
- Newcastle University Client Negotiating, sponsored by DWF (runner up)
- Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR) Regional Negotiation Competition

MEMBERSHIPS

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Expertise

Criminal

Regulatory

Clerking team



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