

Abigail Cheetham

Call 2019

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EXPERTISE

Abigail specialises in business, property and social housing litigation.

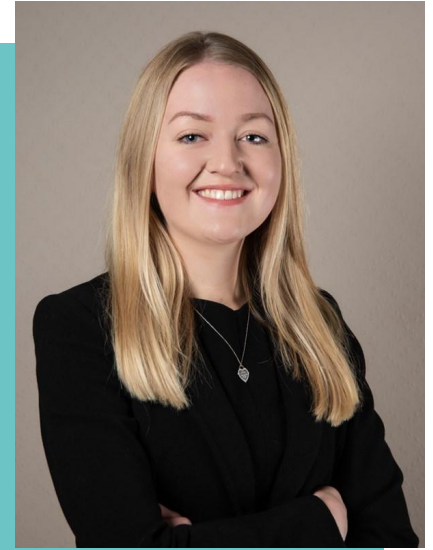
Business & Property

Abigail has a diverse business and property practice and is routinely instructed to provide advice on disputes, to prepare statements of case and to attend Small Claims, Fast Track and Multi Track trials. Abigail is experienced within the following matters:

- Commercial disputes
- Sale of goods claims/defences
- Director and shareholder disputes
- Injunctions (High Court and County Court)
- Professional negligence
- Misrepresentation
- TOLATA
- Contentious probate
- Interim applications
- Real property disputes
- Trespass
- Commercial landlord and tenant disputes

Social Housing

Abigail accepts instructions in all social housing matters. Abigail is regularly instructed to provide advice and prepare statements of case in landlord and tenant disputes. Abigail has delivered housing law training to practitioners in law firms and local authorities across the North Eastern Circuit. Abigail has particular experience in the applicability of the Equality Act 2010 and the Human Rights Act 1998 to disputes and she has experience in the following matters:



Expertise

Social Housing

Business & Commercial
Litigation

Insolvency & Restructuring

Property

Inheritance, Probate & Trusts

- Allocation hearings
- Interim applications
- Housing disrepair trials
- Possession trials
- Subsidence
- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Injunctions
- Homelessness
- Judicial Review
- Closure Orders
- Statutory Nuisance

APPOINTMENTS

- Equality & Human Rights Commission Panel of Counsel for England & Wales (2024 - 2028)

EDUCATION

- BPP University, BPTC (Very Competent)
- The University of Manchester, Bachelor of Laws (LLB) (First Class Honours)

AWARDS

- The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple, Sir Robert Micklethwait Major Scholarship (2018)
- BPP University, Advocacy Scholarship (2018)
- The University of Manchester, Year Prize in Family Law (2018)

MEMBERSHIPS

- Government Legal Department Junior Junior Scheme
- Newcastle Junior Lawyers Division Representative
- The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Abigail previously worked as a paralegal at a law firm ranked within both Legal 500 and Chambers and Partners. Within her role, she assisted with catastrophic injury litigation. Abigail previously gained experience working as a court agent for a national advocacy services provider in disciplinary hearings at the General Medical Council. For more information follow Abigail on [LinkedIn](#).



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What Others Say

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Notable Cases

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- **Papiss Demba Cisse v Sandra Diene & Madou Diene [2024] EWHC 1717 (Ch)**

Led by Simon Goldberg K.C., Abigail represented the former Newcastle United football player in proceedings where the Manchester High Court set aside a Declaration of Trust which had provided sole beneficial ownership of two properties to Mr Cissé's former agent on the basis of undue influence. The Second Defendant was ordered to provide an account of all transactions made from Mr Cissé's bank accounts whilst acting as his agent due to his wilful default. The Defendants were further ordered to provide an account of rent and profits obtained from renting out a property, which the Court found to be owned by Mr Cissé.

Inquests

- Abigail represented the family of a lady who passed away after a delay in receiving appropriate medical care, which possibly contributed to her passing. The Coroner made a regulation 28 report which may be reviewed at: <https://www.judiciary.uk/prevention-of-future-death-reports/claire-briggs-prevention-of-future-deaths-report/>
- Abigail represented the family of a minor who became deceased whilst sectioned under the Mental Health Act 1983. After an extensive jury questionnaire was completed, the jury returned a narrative conclusion to outline numerous failings of the facility in the implementation of care for the minor, which contributed to her death. This matter received wide publicity due to the failings of the hospital. The Coroner made a regulation 28 report which may be reviewed at: https://www.judiciary.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Chelsea-Mooney-Prevention-of-future-deaths-report-2022-0259_Published.pdf
- Abigail represented a family following a death in custody due to a delay in obtaining medical treatment. The jury returned conclusions relating to missed opportunities across all potential findings. The Coroner made a regulation 28 report which may be reviewed at: <https://www.judiciary.uk/publications/thomas-moffett-prevention-of-future-deaths-report/>
- Abigail represented the family of a deceased who was in custody at the time of his passing. The Coroner was persuaded to make a Tainton direction due to the admitted failings by the prison and made a regulation 28 report which may be reviewed at: https://www.judiciary.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Lewis-Johnson-Prevention-of-future-deaths-report-2022-0397_Published.pdf