


Chris Richards

Call 2016



Clerks

 Megan Hawke

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Memberships

- Personal Injury Bar Association
- Northern Circuit
- Attorney General's Regional Panel (Panel C; March 2023 onwards)

Education

2009-2012: BA degree in Geography; Emmanuel College, Cambridge [Class 2:1]

2012-2013: MSc degree in Quaternary Science; Royal Holloway, University of London [Merit]

2014-2015: Graduate Diploma in Law; City Law School, City University, London [Commendation]

2015-2016: Bar Professional Training Course, City Law School, City University, London [Very Competent]

2010: Hooper Senior Scholarship; Emmanuel College, Cambridge

2012: Geography Department Scholarship; Royal Holloway, University of London

2014: Winner of the CEPLER (University of Birmingham) national essay writing competition

2015: Exhibition Award, Inner Temple

Inquests

Chris Richards has an established practice in inquests and welcomes instructions from institutions and families.

He has recently represented government agencies in a number of high-profile inquests. Chris has also recently acted for a family following a death of an elderly man in hospital, with extensive input in the following civil claim.

Chris has taken part in several inquests where the scope of the inquest has been widened by a finding that Article 2 of the ECHR has been engaged. Chris has also acted in inquests where a jury has been empaneled. Chris has also taken part in a number of pre-inquest reviews.

He recently produced submissions in response to a highly unusual request by a family for a Coroner to find that Article 3 of the ECHR had been engaged (which deals with the prohibition against inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment).

Chris has an excellent understanding of the law underpinning inquests, including the Coroners (Inquests) Rules 2013, the Chief Coroner's Guidance, and case law.

Recommendations

"Just a quick email to again say a BIG thank you from myself and my wife for your professional help in getting the excellent result in court for us [...], it was such a pleasure to meet you, and your advice on the day put me at ease in the court room, and we both thought you were very thorough in your cross examining [...] and presenting the evidence and your summing up at the end, enabling the judge to make the correct decision, Justice for me was truly achieved on that day."

Publications

“Assessment of Mental Capacity: a Practical Guide for Doctors and Lawyers.” *Journal of Mental Health*, 25(6), p. 563

Beyond the Bar

Rowing, mountain biking, nature conservation.