



Emma McIlveen

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Inquests

Emma McIlveen has considerable experience in coronial work and regularly appears in inquests, including complex, sensitive and high-profile cases. She has acted as Counsel to the Coroner in a number of inquests, including deaths in custody, and has been appointed to the Coroners Service Counsel Panel for Northern Ireland.

Emma is also instructed by public authorities in inquest proceedings, including acting for the Northern Ireland Prison Service in the Colin Bell inquest. She has extensive experience in cases engaging Article 2 ECHR obligations, disclosure and evidence management, and the conduct of inquests involving intense public scrutiny, institutional accountability and the interests of bereaved families.

She is valued for her careful, measured approach in emotionally challenging cases and for her ability to assist coroners and parties in navigating complex legal, procedural and human issues arising in deaths in custody and other state-involved deaths.

Recommendations

"Excellent discrimination barrister. Hard working, skilful and a great person to instruct." **Instructing solicitor**

"Very driven and successful in everything she does, yet she has a very personable nature and gets on well with clients in every walk of life." **Instructing solicitor**

Academic qualifications

- LLB Law with Politics, 1st Class, Queens University Belfast (Ranked 1st in Class)
- Bar Course, Distinction, IPLS, Belfast (Ranked 1st in Class)

Scholarships

- Kennedy Scholar, Harvard University
- JPB Maxwell Scholarship

Professional qualifications & appointments

- Government Legal Service Civil Counsel Panel (B Panel)
- Coroners Service Counsel Panel (C Panel)
- Vulnerable Witnesses course, Institute of Professional Legal Studies (IPLS)
- Accredited Mediator, Mediation Forum Ireland
- Affiliate member of The Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP)
- Future Leaders Connect, University of Cambridge, funded by British Council
- Advanced Diploma in Applied Employment Law, Republic of Ireland, Honourable Society of King's Inns

Professional bodies

- Vice Chair, Employment Lawyers Group NI
- Member, Public Bar Association Committee
- Legal Chairman, Special Educational Needs and Disability Tribunal, Northern Ireland
- Member, Independent Appeals Panel for Labour Relations Agency, Northern Ireland
- Legal Member, National Serious Case Panel for The Football Association, GB
- Member, Anti-Discrimination Panel for Premier League, English Football League
- Treasurer, Northern Ireland Medico Legal Society
- Secretary, Immigration Bar Association

Direct Access

Emma McIlveen is qualified to accept instructions directly from members of the public and professional clients under the Direct Public Access scheme.