



# Aimee Fox

**Year of Call:** 2007

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## Education

Aimee has a busy education law practice and regularly appears in the First-tier Tribunal. She acts for and advises all parties including, local authorities, schools, parents and young people. Aimee was recently invited to speak on education law at the National Conference of Chartered Paediatric Therapists 2018.

Aimee has also been instructed on a number of judicial review matters. She was successful in defending a local authority in a claim for judicial review brought pursuant to section 19(1) Education Act 1996.

Other examples of matters Aimee has been involved with include:

- Discrimination and equalities claims
- Special educational needs
- Prosecutions for non-attendance at school (including in the Crown Court and High Court)
- Clerking Permanent Exclusion Review Panels
- Appeals concerning permanent exclusion
- School inspection
- Appeals against decisions of the First-Tier Tribunal
- Disputes concerning Local Offers
- Advice and representation in judicial review

## Notable Cases

### **DH and GH v Staffordshire County Council** [2018] UKUT 49 (AAC)

This case concerned an appeal from the First Tier Tribunal. The Appellants argued that the Tribunal had misdirected itself on the law in respect of issuing an Education, Health and Care Plan and the ability of a mainstream school to make relevant provision. This case involved issues which Aimee's opponent, David Wolfe QC, described to Upper Tribunal Judge Jacobs at the oral hearing as "complex and novel". For more information click [here](#).

### **DS, R (on the application of) v Wolverhampton City Council** [2017] EWHC 1660 (Admin)

Aimee Fox successfully represented the local authority against an allegation that there had been a failure by it to provide suitable education for DS in breach of its duty under section 19(1) of the Education Act 1996. DS had not returned to school after a contested incident during which he had returned home in a state of undress. Mr Justice Garnham went on to consider whether, if a breach had been found, the local authority's alternative provision would have been suitable. For more information click [here](#), for the Baillii report click [here](#) and for the Local Government Lawyer article click [here](#).

## Recommendations

'Efficient, thorough, analytical and persuasive. Absorbs information quickly and clearly sets out the options and risks. Very good advocate in court and tribunals. Well-prepared and presents very well both in terms of oral advocacy and documents drafted. Able to deal with complex issues including judicial reviews.'

"Aimee Fox successfully defending Wolverhampton City Council in a judicial review matter against allegations that it failed in its duty under section 19(1) of the Education Act 1996, to provide education services to the claimant."

**Legal 500 2021/Leading Individual – Education/London Bar**

"3PB's Aimee Fox is a 'fountain of knowledge when it comes to special educational needs law', with a practice that covers advice to both schools and parents."

'Thorough in her preparation, clear and concise in her advice, and inspires confidence in clients.'

**Legal 500 2021/Leading Individual – Education/Midlands**

'An excellent advocate who is extremely capable in both financial remedy and private children proceedings.'

**Legal 500 2021/Leading Individual – Child law (public and private)/Midlands**

**Legal 500 2021/Leading Individual – Divorce and financial proceedings/Midlands**

*'She is extremely approachable, thorough, pragmatic and realistic.'*

**Legal 500 2020/Leading Individual – Education**

*'Recommended for cases involving children with special educational needs.'*

**Legal 500 2020/Leading Individual – Family/Matrimonial Midlands**

*"I have already had an email from the client saying how wonderful you were and would just like to thank you again"* – **Partner at law firm**

*"Aimee is thorough and determined"* – **Partner at leading law firm**

*"An excellent outcome! Our client said that you were fantastic at court and is happy with the outcome"* – **Associate Solicitor**

*"A brilliant outcome!"* – **Associate Solicitor**

## Academic qualifications

- College of Europe Bruges: LLM European Community Law
- Inns of Court School of Law: BVC, Very Competent
- Queen's University Belfast: LLB Law and French, 2:1
- Université Lyon III, Diplome d'Etudes Françaises

## Scholarships

- Lincoln's Inn European Education Award
- Sunley Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn
- QUB Award for Distinction in Oral French

## Professional bodies

- Education Law Association
- Lincoln's Inn Denning Society

- Bar Free Representation Unit
- Family Law Bar Association