



Ashley Blood-Halvorsen

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Overview

Ashley Blood-Halvorsen specialises in business and property disputes with particular emphasis in property and estates, contentious probate and commercial litigation.

She is down to earth, approachable and connects well with lay clients who are often appearing in court for the first time. Part of her customer service offering is being responsive and providing advice that is straight to the point.

Ashley is a prize winning barrister, having been awarded both the Nicholas Pumfrey Memorial Scholarship and the Blackstone Entrance Scholarship by Middle Temple, and the Dean's Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC) Scholarship. In addition, she won the Baron Dr Ver Heyden de Lancey Prize as the best Middle Temple student on the BPTC at her centre.

Publications

Clawing Back the Cash – The Test for Permission to Challenge a Trustee in Bankruptcy's Remuneration – A Look at Singh v Hicken

Article published on Feb 11, 2019 in the Corporate Rescue and Insolvency Journal - Citation: (2019) 1 CRI 8. Authors: James Davies and Ashley Blood-Halvorsen

Cannabis: A look at sweeping global change

Published in June 2019 as a paper for the working party of the Society of Conservative Lawyers. Forward written by Victoria Prentis MP.

Ashley is a guest editor of the Surveyors chapter of the **Encyclopaedia of Professional Partnerships** by Sweet & Maxwell.

Academia

Ashley read history at the University of Toronto, where she specialised in the history of religion. She relocated to England in 2011 to study law and graduated top of her class, winning the Sweet & Maxwell Law Prize as the top performing final year student. During her law degree she spent a summer studying civil law in France at Paris II-Panthéon Assas University (Sorbonne). She was awarded a scholarship from the Fondation pour le Droit Continental to attend.

Interests

Outside work, Ashley's varied interests include Jewish apocalyptic literature, Freddie Mercury and day trading stocks on listed exchanges.

Family

Much of Ashley's practice overlaps family matters and disputes. She regularly advises on TOLATA matters and has appeared in applications to annul bankruptcy order in the context of marital breakdowns.

Co-ownership and Trusts of Land

Ashley appears in Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act 1996 (TOLATA) claims. She has experience of occupation rent claims and where there has been a failure to pay the mortgage by one party. She also has experience of where one party alleges that they were engaged so to rely on the Matrimonial Proceedings and Property Act 1970 this can involve issues around non-qualifying ceremonies.

She acts for parties in mediation and alternative dispute resolution.

Cases include:

M v M

Dispute between a father and son regarding various properties, promissory estoppel, and constructive trusts with an international element. The matter started as a small claim and was transferred to the multi-track. Proceedings were settled after Ashley drafted a Reply to the Amended Defence.

DH v PP

Dispute between former cohabiting couple and whether or not there was a common intention constructive trust.

SH v ZM

Dispute between a former couple which included significant analysis of financial statements, taking of an account and occupation rent.

DY v MH

Dispute between former cohabiting couple where it was alleged that there was an engagement which was denied. There was an argument about whether a 'garden office' constituted a substantial improvement to the property.

JF v MR and KR

An ongoing case involving an express declaration of trust between a mother and son with the former girlfriend. Arguments surrounding running an equitable account before the relationship breakdown to take into account significant unmet contributions made by one party.

Finance

Ashley accepts instructions for FDAs and FDRs. She has a particular interest in proceedings involving inherited wealth upon divorce. Her insolvency experience includes applications to annul bankruptcy orders in the context of financial remedies.

Recommendations

"It has been great to co work with Ashley on a very complex and contentious case. I cannot recommend her enough for her technical knowledge and skill. I was even more impressed with Ashley's attitude to the case and that she was just as passionate, as I am, in order to get the best result for my client. My client and I felt the case was safe in her hands and I will definitely be briefing her again in the near future."

Richard Port MBE, □George Green LLP

"Thanks very much for the advice. Please pass on my thanks to counsel – prompt, straight to the point, clear and professionally done."

Oxfordshire Solicitor

"I do not have Ashley's contact details, but could you express my thanks to her? I did so after the court hearing, but she did so well and was so friendly beforehand when we discussed the relevant details that I would like again to express my appreciation of her work."

Client

Academic qualifications

- Law (LLB) 1st Class, University of Derby
- BA (Hons) History (Religion), University of Toronto, Canada
- BPTC (BPP University) Very Competent 2017
- Certificate in Civil Law, Paris II-Panthéon Assas University 2012

Scholarships

- Baron Dr Ver Heyden de Lancey Prize, Middle Temple 2018
- Leeds Medico-Legal Society Personal Injury & Clinical Negligence Prize 2017
- Dean's BPTC Scholarship 2015
- Sweet & Maxwell Law Prize 2014
- Nicholas Pumfrey Memorial Scholarship, Middle Temple 2014
- Blackstone Entrance Scholarship, Middle Temple 2014
- Land Law Prize, UoD 2013
- Scholarship, Fondation pour le Droit Continental 2012

Professional bodies

- Chancery Bar Association
- STEP (Affiliate)
- Property Bar Association (associate member)