

Louise Worton

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Property and Estates

Louise is a specialist property and chancery practitioner, with a particular emphasis on the law of landlord and tenant. She undertakes a broad range of work in this field. Her work covers both residential and commercial property and includes advising, drafting and advocacy. She is Deputy Head of 3PB's Property and Estates Group.

In the residential sphere, Louise is frequently instructed in possession actions by both tenants and landlords, which regularly include a number of local authorities and housing associations. She is experienced in dealing with a range of claims dealing with breaches of covenant, particularly quiet enjoyment and disrepair. She has been involved in a number of cases concerning anti-social behaviour. Louise has considerable experience in successfully obtaining orders against trespassers.

In relation to business premises, Louise has a broad client base, which includes a number of major public house chains and breweries. Her commercial work includes lease renewal disputes, forfeiture and disrepair.

Louise has undertaken a number of cases in relation to mobile homes. Her agricultural work includes farm business tenancies, agricultural occupancies and allotments.

Louise regularly appears before the First Tier Tribunal, both in London and in the regions. She acts on behalf of lessors and lessees. She has particular experience in service charge disputes and determinations under section 168 of the Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Act 2002.

Louise has a broad practice in respect of the Court Of Protection, with a natural emphasis on property and financial affairs and has been involved in matters under both the old regime and the Mental Capacity Act 2005. Examples of cases in which she has been instructed include the proper exercise of the powers of a deputy, capacity to consent to marriage and sexual relations, revocation of an enduring power of attorney, capacity to create a lasting power of attorney and the contested approval of a statutory will.

Louise's property and chancery practice includes the following areas:

- Boundary disputes
- Rights of way and other easements
- Applications under the Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act 1996
- Wills
- Contentious probate
- Insolvency
- Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975 claims

She is a longstanding member of the Property Bar Association. She is also an accredited mediation advocate.

Louise's practice covers all aspects of matrimonial finance provision. She undertakes First Appointments, Financial Dispute Resolutions and Final Hearings. She deals with family finance upon separation and her cases include financial provision on divorce, Trusts of Land Act applications and Schedule One applications for children.

With her complimentary chancery practice, Louise is particularly well placed to deal with cases involving farms and estates, inheritance, land and estate/farm management, partnerships, third party intervention and other property aspects. She also has considerable experience in dealing with enforcement and variation proceedings.

Recommendations

Louise Worton of 3PB Barristers is a strong junior who handles property matters within her broader chancery practice. She specialises in landlord and tenant matters, advising both residential and commercial clients. She also deals with commercial disputes regarding such matters as covenants, easements, lease renewal and forfeiture. She has further expertise in TOLATA disputes.

Strengths: "Her attention to detail has proven invaluable." "She is approachable and friendly." "Louise is an excellent advocate."

Chambers UK 2024/Real Estate Litigation/South Eastern Bar

Strengths: "She is accessible, easy to work with and commercially astute."
"Louise provides clear advice and is a strong and tenacious advocate."
"She is very sensible and she is familiar with this area of law."

Chambers UK 2023/Real Estate Litigation/South Eastern

Strengths: "Louise is very knowledgeable and makes things accessible to the client."
Recent work: Successfully defended a client in a First-tier Tribunal hearing dealing with an application by the landlord for determinations that breaches of the lease had been committed, in order to ground a forfeiture claim for a long lease.

Chambers UK 2022/Real Estate Litigation/South Eastern

Strengths: "*She provides clear and easy to understand advice.*" "*Excellent.*"

Chambers UK 2021/Real Estate Litigation/South Eastern

Strengths: "*She is persuasive and has a very pleasant manner.*"

Chambers UK 2020/Real Estate Litigation/South Eastern

"*She is very easy to work with and gets results for clients.*"

Chambers UK 2019/Real Estate Litigation/South Eastern

Strengths: "*A strong litigator who is persuasive and gets good results.*"

Chambers UK 2018/Real Estate Litigation/South Eastern

Strengths: "*Exceptional barrister with fantastic advocacy skills. Her written work is always extremely helpful.*" "*She speaks in plain English, and has an ability to break down extremely complex issues into simple language.*"

Chambers UK 2017/Real Estate Litigation/South Eastern

'Louise has a strong understanding of the Court of Protection. She inspires confidence in the client with her abilities and advice.'

Legal 500 2024/Court of Protection/Midlands Circuit/ Leading Junior - ranked: Tier 1

'Louise gives clear, robust and practical advice. She is a tenacious advocate.'

Legal 500 2024/Property and Construction/ South Eastern Circuit/ Leading Junior

Louise Worton is ranked in **Legal 500 2024**/Court of Protection/ South Eastern Circuit/ Leading Junior

'Louise provides a clear and understandable advice to clients. She gives thorough and practical advice to solicitors. She is pragmatic and bold.'

Louise Worton is a specialist property and Chancery practitioner with an emphasis on landlords and tenants.

Legal 500 2023/Property and Construction/Leading Juniors/South Eastern Circuit

'Louise is calm, diligent and always very approachable. She provides her advice which helps in the progress of the matter without delay and with confidence.'

Legal 500 2023/Court of Protection and Community Care/Leading Juniors/South Eastern Circuit - Ranked Tier 1

'Louise is always well-prepared and she is a tenacious cross-examiner.'

Legal 500 2022/Property and Construction/Leading Juniors/South Eastern Circuit

'A no-nonsense barrister who is a great communicator. Very approachable and good with both elderly clients and difficult opponents.'

Legal 500 2022/Court of Protection and Community Care/Leading Juniors/South Eastern Circuit

'Committed to exploring every possible angle on a case and tactically-minded.'

Legal 500 2021/Property and construction/Leading Juniors/South Eastern

"At 3PB, Louise Worton has a wide-ranging Court of Protection and community care practice, with areas of expertise including deprivation of liberty, the removal of deputies and best interests decisions on placement, contact, care packages and medical treatment. In particular, she is praised as 'a voice of reason in circumstances where without her input it would be very difficult to find a way forward'."

'She is thorough and extremely knowledgeable in all areas of Court of Protection work.'

Legal 500 2021/Court of Protection and Community Care/Leading Juniors/South Eastern

"Great with difficult clients."

Legal 500 2020/Court of Protection and Community Care/Leading Juniors/South Eastern

"She puts clients at ease."

Legal 500 2020/Property/Leading juniors/South Eastern Circuits

"A discerning and focused barrister."

Legal 500 2018/19/Court of Protection/Leading juniors/South Eastern Circuit

"She has particular expertise in landlord and tenant cases."

Legal 500 2018/19/Property/Leading juniors/South Eastern Circuit

"Self-assured and sensitive with clients."

Legal 500 2017/Court of Protection/Leading juniors/South Eastern Circuit

"Highly intelligent and down to earth."

Legal 500 2017/Property/Leading juniors/South Eastern Circuit

"Approachable, knowledgeable and quick on her feet."

Legal 500 2016/Property/Leading juniors/South Eastern Circuit

"She provides practical advice, and is very likeable."

Legal 500 2015/Property/Leading juniors/South Eastern Circuit

Academic qualifications

- LLB Durham

Professional qualifications & appointments

- Recorder – South Eastern Circuit
- Tribunal Judge in the FTT Social Entitlement Chamber
- Accredited Mediation Advocate

Professional bodies

- Family Law Bar Association
- Property Bar Association