

Jennifer Moate

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"A consummate lawyer who acts for the benefit of the client at all times" Chambers & Partners



Profile

Jennifer has a flourishing practice in both property and family law. She combines in-depth legal analysis with realistic advice. Her sensitive and tenacious approach is welcomed by all her clients, ranging from social landlords to divorcing couples. She is a skilled negotiator who frequently assists clients to reach successful settlement.

Jennifer is a former member of the housing team at Hodge Jones & Allen Solicitors, where she was identified as a leading individual in the field of social housing.

Description of Practice

Property

Jennifer has a broad experience of property matters. During her legal training she worked as a housing caseworker at Citizens Advice where she regularly advised on homelessness and judicial review applications. At Hodge Jones & Allen she acted for clients in property matters ranging from unlawful eviction to disrepair. Her practice areas include:

- Housing possession, disrepair and unlawful eviction
- Anti-social behaviour injunction
- Homelessness and housing allocations
- Mental health and disability discrimination
- Business tenancies and LVT disputes
- Service charge and party wall disputes
- Enfranchisement

Recent cases

Housing

Wandsworth v Savage (Wandsworth CC, 31/01/17) Jennifer successfully argued that the

Notice to Quit was “sufficiently served” if it had been served on the Personal Representatives and a copy had been served on the Public Trustee before the commencement of proceedings.

Luton BC v Sutherland (Luton CC, 15/06/17) in which Jennifer successfully argued that a proportionality defence based on vulnerability could not succeed under the new absolute ground for possession under s84A of the Housing Act 1985.

Quinn v Dacorum BC (Luton CC, 16/11/17) Jennifer represented the authority in this s204 homelessness appeal in which the court determined that the local authority did not need to give the applicant the “benefit of the doubt” where it was satisfied that the cause of the homelessness was due to a deliberate act on the part of the applicant.

Family

Jennifer advises and represents clients in the following areas:

- Financial remedies upon divorce, from first appointment to final hearing
- Interim applications including maintenance pending suit
- Co-habitant disputes and other TLATA 1966 applications
- Applications under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975
- Private Children Act 1989 matters including child arrangement applications, relocation, specific issue, parental responsibility and domestic violence
- Family Law Act claims including non-molestation and occupation orders
- International Family Law including jurisdictional issues, Hague Convention and Brussels II Revised

Mediation

Jennifer is a qualified family mediator.

She conducts mediations on a wide range of family matters including divorce, financial settlement, children arrangements and extended family disputes. She is particularly adept at helping clients find creative solutions.

Qualifications

Wadham College Oxford – English BA (Hons) (Oxon)
University of Westminster – Graduate Diploma in Law
BPP School of Law – BVC (Outstanding)

Professional Memberships

Jennifer was a founder member of Junior HPLA (Housing Law Practitioners' Association)

She is a current member of the following:

- Family Law Bar Association (FLBA)
- Child Abduction Lawyers Association (CALA)

- Middle Temple
- Bar Pro Bono Unit

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