

Mark Sheppard

Call: 2022



Mark joined chambers as a tenant in October 2023 after completing pupillage, and accepts instructions across a range of chambers' civil practice areas. He is regularly instructed to represent clients across a wide range of Courts, including appearing as junior counsel in the Court of Appeal.

Prior to commencing pupillage, Mark worked for the Bar's pro bono charity, Advocate, as a caseworker. He has also worked as a Court Clerk at the Royal Courts of Justice, clerking small claim & fast track trials.

Mark ranked first in his year on the Bar Course at the Inns of Court College of Advocacy, being awarded the Derek Wood QC prize for best overall performance. He also achieved the highest mark in the Examination-in-Chief & Cross-Examination final assessments.

Whilst completing his degree, Mark undertook a year of professional training which included a semester studying abroad in New Zealand.

Police Law

Mark is regularly instructed in all areas of Police Law, and has experience appearing in the Magistrates' Court, County Court, and the Crown Court in a range of civil applications brought by the Police including:

- Domestic Violence Protections Orders
- Stalking Protection Orders
- Sexual Risk Orders
- Sexual Harm Prevention Orders
- Forfeiture proceedings brought under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002
- Closure Orders
- Violent Offender Orders

- Anti-Social Behaviour Injunctions
- Applications for police disclosure in the Family Court

Personal Injury

Mark accepts instructions acting for both Claimants and Defendants in a wide range of Personal Injury cases, including where credit hire is in dispute.

Alongside trials, Mark is regularly instructed in procedural hearings including applications to set aside default judgment, relief from sanctions, and strike out applications.

Commercial

Mark has experience in dealing with both contract and tort law matters and is available for instruction to provide advice, draft statements of case, and represent clients at hearings on a wide range of commercial and private disputes.

Probate & Trusts

Mark accepts instructions in probate matters, and has experience of claims brought under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975.

Awards

- Certificate of Honour, Middle Temple (2022)
- Derek Wood QC Award, ICCA (2022)
- Lincoln House Chambers Criminal Advocacy Prize, ICCA (2022)
- Civil Litigation Silver Award (joint), ICCA (2021)
- Criminal Litigation Silver Award, ICCA (2021)
- Harmsworth Scholarship, Middle Temple (2020)
- Overall Contribution Prize in Law, University of Surrey (2020)
- Winner, University of Surrey Internal Mock Trial Competition (2019)
- STARS Scheme Recipient (University of Surrey Top Achievers Recognised & Supported) (2017 – 2020)
- Best Advocate, South Eastern Varsities Mooting Competition (2017)

Education

- The Inns of Court College of Advocacy, Bar Course, Distinction (2022)
- University of Surrey, LLB Law, First Class Honours (2020)

Memberships

- Middle Temple
- Family Law Bar Association (FLBA)
- The South Eastern Circuit