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Henry joined Pump Court after a period of tenancy in a leading set of chambers in the North East of England. He is building a predominantly Civil practice with an emphasis on personal injury.

Before coming to the bar, Henry read Music at King's College, Cambridge, winning the Bertram Faulkner Prize twice consecutively, and the Harmer Prize in his final year. He then worked as a teacher before being called to the Bar by Gray's Inn.

Personal Injury

Henry has acted in Fast Tracks trials and Small Claims representing both Claimants and Defendants. He has experience in claims where fundamental dishonesty or low velocity impact is being alleged, and also in Small Claims where applications are made for unreasonable conduct costs. He has experience of claims involving credit hire.

He has appeared in matters where strict liability under the Animals Act 1971 is engaged, and successfully acted for Claimants relying on the provisions of section 2.

He regularly appears in applications for relief from sanctions, strike out, summary judgment, expert evidence, and pre-action disclosure, acting for both applicants and respondents.

He has drafted advices on merits and quantum in pupillage, and is keen to expand his paper practice.

Property Law

Henry has experience of appearing for tenants in claims for unlawful eviction and harassment under the Protection from Harassment Act 1997, as well as other related causes of action. He has experience of drafting in this area and is happy to assist from an early stage in proceedings.

He also has experience in defending possession claims brought under section 21 Housing Act 1988, and is keen to build his practice in this area.

Henry has drafted advices on claims under TOLTA 1996, dealing with matters such as mortgage fraud and defective deeds.

Children Law (Private)

Henry has dealt with numerous applications for orders under section 8 Children Act 1989. He has represented clients up to final hearing in proceedings where there have been allegations of abuse of all kinds, both made by his clients and against them. He also has acted in fact finding hearings where there have been significant cross allegations of abuse.

He has experience of cases involving applications for relocation outside the Hague Convention and has represented parties in applications for parental responsibility.

He is very much alive to the benefits of settlement at the FHDRA hearing in cases where there is scope for agreement and where further adversarial litigation may hinder the parties being able to move forward.

Children Law (Public)

Whilst working in the North East of England, Henry enjoyed a practice above his years of call in the very busy Care courts of Hull, Middlesbrough, Newcastle and York. The trial experience he gained in front of senior tribunals has informed his advocacy in all areas, and particularly in private children work. Examples of the work undertaken include:

Selected Cases

Designation hearings involving the exercise of the High Court's inherent jurisdiction to declare a child 'looked after'.

Hearings involving deprivation of liberty orders in the High Court.

A 5 day final hearing for Father, involving proposed separation of 7 siblings and cross examination of a child psychologist.

A 2 day final hearing on behalf of a Local Authority in applications for Special Guardianship Orders and Child Arrangement Orders.

A 3 day final hearing for Mother, involving the opposition of the proposed separation of 5 siblings, and complex care plans.

A 2 day final hearing before a High Court Judge, for Father, opposing the Local Authority's application for Placement Orders.

Family Finance

Henry has experience of representing clients in applications for Maintenance Pending Suit, and for Expert Evidence.

He also gave a CPD presentation to solicitors in the North East on the court's treatment of post-matrimonial assets in the wake of recent case law on the subject.

Family Law Act 1996

Henry has experience in representing both applicants and respondents in applications for Non Molestation Orders and Occupation Orders. He has represented clients through to final hearing, and in one matter secured a finding from a district judge on behalf of a respondent that no molestation whatsoever had occurred.

He is alive to the frequent intersection of applications under the Family Law Act 1996 with applications under the Children Act 1989 involving allegations of abuse. At a recent return hearing he persuaded the district judge to make a significant Child Arrangements Order in favour of the respondent of the court's own motion, where the Non

Molestation Order was contested but the Court was satisfied that there was no risk to the children.

Criminal

Henry has a solid grounding in crime, having appeared in bail applications and trials in the Magistrates court and appealed convictions in the Crown Court.

He has been instructed to appear at sentencing hearings in the Crown Court, and recently secured a suspended sentence in a £100,000 fraud, where the Defendant had previously held a position of significant responsibility in a company.

He has been instructed to advise on sentence in conference, and in writing.

Qualifications

- City, University of London: BPTC – Outstanding
- Oxford Brookes School of Law: GDL – Distinction
- King’s College, Cambridge: MA (Music) – 2:1
- Ampleforth College

Professional associations

The Honourable Society of Gray’s Inn

Professional activities

- Twice winner of the Bertram Faulkner Award (University of Cambridge)
- Harmer Prize
- Oxford Brookes School of Law Mooting competition: 2nd place

Outside Interests

Outside the Law, Henry is a keen pianist and singer, having been a choral scholar of King's College Cambridge as an undergraduate.