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FRANK BOWMAKER

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Call: 2021



Specialist in
Housing & Community Care
Public Law
Civil Law
Modern Slavery & Trafficking Team

Experience

Frank joined One Pump Court as a pupil in October 2024.

He is undertaking his first six training in immigration and housing under Rudolph Spurling and Michael Marsh-Hyde.

Prior to the Bar

Frank has over two years of experience as a Senior Caseworker at a legal aid firm. He was responsible for a caseload of judicial review claims spanning homelessness, community care and education, with a particular focus on asylum support. Many of his clients had care and support needs and/or were victims of ill-treatment, modern slavery and trafficking.

As a Senior Caseworker, Frank's cases included R (NS) v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2023] EWHC 2675 (Admin), a successful judicial review challenging the Home Office's decision to accommodate a young person with complex mental health needs away from his support networks. He also worked on several unlawful detention claims and an inquest into the death of a disabled asylum seeker.

Frank is committed to improving access to justice. He was part of a pro bono team representing an Australian national arbitrarily detained in Iraq and drafted submissions which were adopted by the United Nations Working Group on Arbitrary Detention (WGAD) in Opinion No. 70/2021. He has volunteered as a Tribunal Advocate for IPSEA, advising and representing children with special educational needs and disabilities in the FtT (SEND), and as a Legal Caseworker for Bail for Immigration Detainees.

Frank has a keen interest in international law. He competed in the Philip C. Jessup Moot and received awards at both national and international levels. He subsequently volunteered at REDRESS, where he was a contributing author to a publication on the prohibition of torture in common law Africa and prepared submissions to the United Nations Human Rights Council Universal Periodic Review (UPR), among other things.

Prior to law, Frank worked for a range of non-governmental organisations including Amnesty International, Shelter and Scope. He managed partnerships with the public and private sectors, securing funding and other support for campaigns and frontline services.

Education

Bar Practice Course, University of Law (Very Competent)

Graduate Diploma in Law, University of Law (Distinction)

History, University of Bristol (First Class)

Awards

Winner, UK and Ireland Preliminary Rounds; Jessup Moot.

Semi-finalist, UK and Ireland Finals; Jessup Moot.

Top 100 Global Oralists Award; Jessup Moot.

Top 25 UK and Ireland Oralists Award; Jessup Moot.

Semi-finalist; HRLA Judicial Review Moot.

Semi-finalist; LSE Featherstone Moot.

Runner-up; Inter-Inn Moot.

Semi-finalist; Gray's Inn Moot.

Birkenhead Award; Gray's Inn.

Anthony Bessemer Clark Scholarship; Gray's Inn.