

## Victoria Taylor.

Year of call Call:

Barrister • 2024

Victoria completed pupillage at Crucible under the supervision of Laura Bayley, Libby Anderson and Ben Rowe. As a tenant she accepts instructions in all areas of Chambers' work.

Prior to commencing pupillage, Victoria worked in the advice sector for six years. Victoria's experience of working for an advice charity across various prisons has given her practical knowledge of the criminal justice system. This role involved working across a Young Offenders' Institute, women's prison, and a Category A male prison. She worked in conjunction with the probation service and prison service, advising prisoners on their housing rights, defending possession proceedings for social housing, and advocating on their behalf to secure accommodation on release.

Victoria's role immediately before pupillage was as a legal aid housing caseworker in an advice centre. She represented clients in possession proceedings, disrepair claims and judicial review. Victoria is adept at working with clients who have complex mental health issues and addiction issues.

Victoria is committed to supporting opportunities for people from 'non-traditional' backgrounds to pursue a career in law. She volunteers with a social mobility charity in Brixton, providing career advice and mentorship to young women.



## Past and Recent Instructions

- R v U Instructed to represent a defendant for coercive control, stalking and assault by beating of his ex-wife, who was acquitted after a successful submission of no case to answer, following two days of evidence from the complainant.
- R v K Instructed to represent a professional who was acquitted of stalking a colleague.
- R v M Instructed to represent a bus driver who was acquitted of careless driving.
- R v O Instructed to represent a doctor who was acquitted of careless driving after a successful submission of no case to answer.
- R v A Instructed to represent a prison officer who was acquitted of assaulting a prisoner in his care.
- R v S Secured a suspended sentence for

a client who pleaded guilty to robbery, following a significant police chase.

## Qualifications

- 2023 Bar Practice Course, University of Law – Very Competent
- 2020 LLM Human Rights and Criminal Justice, Queen's University Belfast
- 2018 LLB Law with Politics, Queen's University Belfast

## Scholarships and Prizes

- Marshall Hall Trust Award 2024
- Inner Temple Exhibition Scholarship –
  2022
- Inner Temple Duke of Edinburgh Award
  2022
- Runner-Up, Oxford University Press & ICCA National Mooting Competition -2018

