

# ONE PUMP COURT

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**NEWS FROM THE  
FAMILY TEAM**

# RETURN OF MEMBERS FROM SABBATICALS

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The Family Team at One Pump Court is pleased to announce the return of 3 members of the team from sabbaticals.

## **James Presland – Year of Call 1985**



An experienced member of the Family and Housing and Community care team, James' practice primarily involves facets of social services law – adult community care services and support for children in need and their families, housing and homelessness, asylum support and no recourse to public funds cases. He has looked after children and care leavers, and civil claims against local authorities and others in respect of past service provision.

## **Josh Garwood – Year of Call 1992**



Josh is a member of the family team, but has extensive experience in the field of criminal law. He was previously a member of both crime and family group, but since 2006 he has chosen to specialise in family law only. Josh strongly believes that his background in criminal defence work assists him greatly in representing families in all cases, but especially so in care cases.

He continues to have an interest in criminal law (particularly international) and in January 2008 took a sabbatical for six weeks to work in Sierra Leone as a defence advocate at the Special Court. In 2013, he took an advisory role with the U.N in relation to the 2008 elections in Zimbabwe.

He represents parents in care proceedings and has particular experience in working for clients with learning difficulties, mental health problems and cases of chronic neglect. He has a reputation of being able to successfully work with clients who have historically been non communicative and/or uncooperative.

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## **Manjeet Kaler – Year of Call 1993**

Manjeet has over 21 years' experience as a family practitioner, specialising in all aspects of the law relating to children, with a particular emphasis on childcare both public and private. Manjeet is a forceful and tenacious advocate with a pragmatic and empathetic understanding of the client's needs. She has been described by her clients as 'very approachable' and 'easy to talk to'.

Manjeet regularly acts for parents and Guardians in care proceedings and has a particular experience in working with clients with learning difficulties, mental health problems or substance and alcohol abuse related issues. Her experience expands to a number of cases involving long standing domestic violence and sexual abuse. Manjeet regularly represents both parents and guardians in the High Court in complex care cases which often have an international dimension. She has a strong belief in the necessity for proper public funding for cases that have far reaching implications for a family, that can affect them for the whole of their lives.

Manjeet's ability to speak multiple languages and knowledge of the culture of the Indian sub-continent, her accessible approach and many years of practise as a family lawyer makes her ideally placed to represent clients from this background.

If you would like any further information, are interested in booking any cases for them, or any other member of the team, please contact the clerks to discuss.

# AWARD FOR STEPHEN BARTLET- JONES



We are delighted to announce that Stephen Bartlet-Jones has won the A.I. Best in Family Property Disputes (UK) Award for 2016. Please find more information here: <http://bit.ly/2kLGmHx>



## DISPUTE RESOLUTION SERVICES



We are also excited to introduce our Dispute Resolution services in chambers. Our Dispute Resolution team provides:

- A full range of dispute resolution services, including mediation, arbitration and early neutral evaluation
- A unique and innovative alternative to the traditional dispute resolution process, Integrated Dispute Resolution (IDR). Integrated Dispute Resolution combines mediation with our other services;
- Mediators who are also practising barristers who deal with difficult disputes on a daily basis
- Competitive fees
- Free use of rooms in our central London chambers.

For more information on the services we provide, fees, or to arrange an appointment, please contact Scott Haley, on 0207 842 7070 or via email on [sha@lpumpcourt.co.uk](mailto:sha@lpumpcourt.co.uk)

# CIRCUIT JUDGE APPOINTMENT FOR SARAH DAVIES

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Huge congratulations to our former colleague Sarah Davies on her appointment as a Circuit Judge. H.H.J. Sarah Davies will be based at the Canterbury Combined Court Centre.

## SEMINARS

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The Family Team are currently organising a seminar program. If you would like to be placed on our mailing list for seminars, please send an email to [seminars@lpumpcourt.co.uk](mailto:seminars@lpumpcourt.co.uk)

The Family Team regularly holds internal Seminars for Solicitors. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact Scott Haley on 0207 842 7070 or via email: [shae@lpumpcourt.co.uk](mailto:shae@lpumpcourt.co.uk)