

## Junior Lawyers Association Committee

### Chairperson – Emily Johnson



Emily completed her undergraduate degree, Graduate Diploma in law and Bar Professional Training Course via distance and part time learning, whilst working as a costs draftsman at various English legal firms.

She studied her undergraduate degree with the Open University, graduating in 2012, followed by her GDL at the University of Law in Manchester, completed in 2014.

Thereafter, she completed the BPTC in 2016 at Manchester Metropolitan University and was called to the Bar of England and Wales at Lincoln's Inn in 2017.

She relocated to the Isle of Man later in 2017 to commence Articles. She was called to the Manx Bar in November 2019 and currently works as a consultant in civil litigation.

In her role as Chairperson of the JLA, Emily oversees and manages all JLA matters and is the main point of contact and voice for the Committee.

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### Vice Chairperson – Michael Miles



Michael graduated from the Open University in 2017 with an LLB Honours degree in law, before going on to complete his Legal Practice Course as an MSC at the Leeds campus of the University of Law.

Michael qualified as an advocate in May 2022 and works at Simcocks. Michael works on a wide variety of matters, predominantly property (both contentious and non-contentious), private client and charities.

In his role as Vice Chair, Michael assists in the organisation and management of all JLA matters and is the other main point of contact and voice for the Committee.

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### **Education Secretary – Sara-Jayne Dodge**



Sara, a former student at Ballakermeen High School, graduated from the University of Chester in 2016 with an LLB Honours degree in law. Sara then went on to complete the LPC, graduating in 2017 from BPP University in Manchester.

Sara entered into Articles in November 2018 and was called to the Manx Bar in November 2020. Sara is currently a prosecutor for the Attorney General's Chambers

Sara in her role as Education Secretary of the JLA is involved in planning activities and events which further the education of JLA members.

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### **Treasurer – Mark O'Connor**



Mark joined Callin Wild as a Trainee Advocate in September 2022 and qualified as an Advocate in 2024. He practices primarily in dispute resolution.

Born and educated on the Isle of Man, Mark graduated with a degree in Law LLB from Keele University. He then went on to complete his Post Graduate Certificate in Legal Practice from Liverpool John Moores University and has since returned to the Island to begin his legal career.

In his role as Treasurer, Mark is responsible for the funding of the JLA. He collects, organises and distributes the membership fees in the most cost effective way to provide as many JLA funded events as possible. Mark also liaises with the Isle of Man Law Society to coordinate co-funded events.

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## **Secretary – Oliver Fleming**



Oliver Fleming is an Advocate at MannBenham Advocates.

Having graduated with his first degree, Oliver then proceeded to study a Masters in Qualifying Law and a Masters in Legal Practice in order to meet the requirements set by the Isle of Man Law Society.

He joined MannBenham in late 2022 and works predominantly in litigation.

In his role as Secretary, Oliver deals with the administration of the JLA, preparing minutes, liaising with the bank and monitoring membership.

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## **Social Secretary – Taylor Gentile-Wilson**

Taylor is a trainee at MannBenham Advocates, currently gaining experience in a wide range of different areas of law.

In her role as Social Secretary Taylor will organise social events for the JLA and aims to liaise with other bodies such as the Isle of Man Law Society to arrange joint events.

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## **Student Representative – Shanne Gutierrez**



Shanne is a trainee with Appleby, having started her Articles in September 2024. She graduated with a first class LLB law degree at the University of Liverpool. Shanne hopes to qualify in 2026 as a litigator.

As Student Representative, Shanne aims to encourage all new trainees to join the JLA and get involved with its educational and social activities. She is happy to informally meet or speak with any other trainees or prospective trainees who are looking for more information on the JLA or matters regarding Manx trainee advocates.

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