

# Jodie James-Stadden

Barrister

# Overview

Jodie is a civil/chancery practitioner. She commenced practice at the independent Bar in 1998, before becoming in-house Counsel with Hadaway & Hadaway in 2001, where she has spent the last 14 years, before returning to independent practice.

She has a particular interest in landlord and tenant law, both commercial and residential, and significant experience in housing law, having been a member of the housing possession court duty scheme for approximately 10 years whilst at H&H, representing publicly funded defendants against both social and private landlords. Having been supervisor for the firm's housing contract at H&H, she is well versed in the difficulties faced by solicitors in dealing with the Legal Aid Agency, its regulations and systems, including CCMS.

Her areas of practice include:

#### Landlord and tenant

- Both residential & commercial
- Including breach of covenant, forfeiture, possession, 1954 Act claims, enfranchisement
- Reported case: Speedwell Estates Ltd v Dalziel 2001 EWCA Civ 1277 – successfully represented Claimant landlord both at first instance and on appeal to the CA – notices served under the Leasehold Reform Act 1967 were defective in failing to provide statutorily prescribed information and, as such, could not be relied upon by Defendant tenants in their claims to acquire the freeholds of their properties.

#### Housing

- Both Claimant and Defendant work
- Including homelessness, possession, anti social behaviour, applications for injunctive relief, committals for breach, disrepair, succession, tenancy deposits

#### Contentious probate

• Jodie has regularly acted for clients in disputes concerning wills, succession and the Inheritance (Family and Dependents) Act 1975



Year Of Call:

1996

# **Practice Areas**

<u>Company and</u> <u>Commercial</u>

Court of Protection and Mental Health

Property Dispute Resolution

**Trusts and Probate** 

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### Cohabitation disputes

Jodie has both advised and represented clients in claims under • the Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act 1996

#### **Property disputes**

Including adverse possession, breach of covenant, easements •

## **Contractual disputes**

# **Notable Cases**

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