
William Gelley

Pupil



Overview

William commenced pupillage at One Essex Court in October 2024.

Previous Employment

Before joining the Bar, William spent over ten years studying Jewish law at Rabbinic colleges in both England and Israel. He has been successfully examined on Jewish private law by several of Israel's leading Rabbinic judges and acts for clients in disputes arbitrated under Jewish law.

Education and Awards

Bar Course (ICCA)

- First place in BSB examinations for Criminal Litigation; second place for Civil Litigation.

Harvard Law School, LLM

- Attended Harvard Law School as a Frank Knox Fellow.
- Achieved Honors in all graded courses.
- Harvard Law School Writing Award for the best paper on Biblical law.

University of Cambridge, BA Law

- Graduated with a Double First.
 - Achieved best, third-highest and fourth-highest overall mark in respective years of the Law Tripos.
 - Clifford Chance CJ Hamson prize for the highest mark in the Law of Contract.
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- CJ Hamson prize for the highest mark (Starred First) in Aspects of Obligations.
 - Littleton Chambers prize for the highest mark (Starred First) in Labour Law.
 - John Hall Prize for the highest mark in Family Law.
 - Highest mark in the year for Criminal Law (Starred First).
 - Winner of 3VB Team Moot and Serle Court Speed Moot; Best Oralist award in two intervarsity mooting competitions.
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Publications

- ‘Ye Shall Do No Injustice in Judgment – Are Religious Courts to blame for the Agunah Problem?’ [2023] Oxford Journal of Law and Religion 75 (co-authored with Lord Wolfson KC).
 - ‘Consent by Coercion: The Limits of External Solutions to the Agunah Problem’ [2021] Child and Family Law Quarterly 4
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