

Helena Normanton

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1918

applied 1918 to Benchers of the Middle Temple
for admission as law student -

This was blocked by delay in tactics - In Dec
1918 it was still unheard although delivered
on July 24 1918.

She wrote to Press asking supporters to
put the question of women's admission to
law before their candidates - Gen Elec
Dec 1918

Chief worker for opening the Bar to women
was Mr Holford Knight

Personalities

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Miss Helena Normanton applies (Jan 1918)
for admission (to the Benchers of the Middle
Temple) for admission as student.

Miss Cave (made similar application in 1904
to Benchers of Gray's Inn & was refused, she
appealed to H of Lords - &

Lord Halsbury said "There is no precedent
for calling a woman to the Bar, and the judges
are not going to create one."

Mr Holford Knight - supporting - "There is no defence
in logic or experience that can be urged against
the admission of women."

The Londoner writing in the Evening Standard Feb 1918
says that "Few lawyers are prepared to deny that
women must eventually be admitted to the legal
profession" - following Lord Buckmaster's Bill for
admitting women as solicitors he foresees that
admission to the Bar will inevitably follow."