

Susan Grocott QC

1986 Middle Temple
2008 Queens Counsel
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Education

Oulder Hill Community School
Exeter College, Oxford BA (Oxon)
Inns of Court School of Law

Professional Associations

Family Law Bar Association, Joint Chair
Manchester Committee
Northern Circuit Administrative Law
Association
Manchester Family Justice Council –
FLBA rep

Appointments

Head of the Family Team
2004 Recorder (Northern Circuit) –
Crime & Family (Public and private Law)
2011 Deputy High Court Judge, Family
Division

Areas of Specialism

Children (Public and Private)

Financial Remedies and Family Properties

Child Abduction and Leave to Remove

Cohabitation Disputes

Judicial Review

Financial Orders for Children

Profile

Susan undertook pupillage in London in Fountain Court where she was a pupil of Peter Goldsmith, the former attorney general and David Railton, and at 5 Pump Court with Michael Jennings. In 1988 Susan joined Queens Chambers in Manchester and established a mixed common law practice which evolved into a busy family practice particularly in money work and care proceedings.

Susan moved to the family team at Deans Court Chambers in 2002 from where she continued to build a formidable reputation as a leading family practitioner in both money and children work. Susan's practice has always encompassed all aspects of family and related work including professional negligence claims in the family field, TOLATA, declaratory work and judicial review.

In 2008 Susan was appointed to the rank of Queens Counsel. She was Leading Counsel for the Local Authority in Re S-B.

Susan has developed a reputation for a meticulous eye for detail and powerful straightforward advocacy. In silk Susan continues to undertake both money and care/private law children work and she increasingly undertakes advisory work for various public bodies on practice/policy issues.

Susan is a speaker in demand and gives seminars on a variety of topics both in chambers and to a number of organisations in the North and overseas.

Notable Cases

Family

Re R (Care Proceedings: Causation) [2011]

EWHC 1715 (Fam) [20011] 2 FLR 1384

Family

Re S-B (Children) [2009]

UKSC 17 [2010] 1 FLR 1161

Family

Lancashire County Council v R [2008]

EWHC 2959 (Fam) [2010] 1 FLR 387

Family

Re AB (Care Proceedings: Disclosure of Medical Evidence to the Police) [2002]

EWHC 2198 (Fam) [2003] 1 FLR 579

What the Directories say

Has a diverse practice, advising on a range of finance issues in addition to public and private children work. Her caseload includes an emphasis on negligence, serious injury and induced illness. She also handles matters involving child trafficking and sexual abuse. "Very astute and meticulous in her preparation."

Chambers and Partners, 2019

'A tenacious advocate with a very astute legal brain.'

Legal 500, 2018

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Chambers and Partners, 2018

'Highly recommended for private law children work.'

Legal 500, 2017

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Chambers UK, 2017

Distils large quantities of complex information to the essential arguments.

Legal 500, 2015

A leading practitioner in financial matters and the law relating to children. Instructing solicitors particularly appreciate her straightforward approach to cases."She would be my first port of call. She is direct and has a down-to-earth approach to things which is not commonly found".

Chambers UK, 2015

Calm under pressure and measured in her delivery.

Legal 500, 2014

specialise in matrimonial finance and private children law.

Legal 500, 2014

She was very fair in a difficult situation. She came to a very fair conclusion.

Chambers UK, 2014

Applies "assiduous preparation" to high-value family law issues. She is also particularly highly regarded for her knowledge of children law cases.

Chambers UK, 2013

Offers no-nonsense advocacy, phenomenal memory and thorough preparation.

Chambers UK, 2012

She talks the same language as her clients, which enables her to forge strong relationships with them.

Chambers UK 2011

Recommended for childcare matters.

Legal 500, 2011

Recommended for [her] sensitivity in care cases.

Legal 500, 2010

In her element with medical issues in childcare proceedings.

Legal 500, 2009

Applauded for her sensible and hard-working attitude.

Chambers UK 2009

Calls a spade a spade and has a fantastic grasp of issues.

Chambers UK 2008

Clever, conscientious and dedicated to her work.

Chambers UK 2007?

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