

Patrick Gilmore

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Education

University of Central Lancashire, LLB Law
College of Law, York, Legal Practice Course
BPP, London – Bar Transfer Course

Professional Associations

Northern Circuit
Family Law Bar Association

Areas of Specialism

Family Law

Children (Public and Private)

Special Guardianship

Child Abduction and Leave to remove

Human Fertilisation/Parental Orders

Age assessments

Actions against Local Authorities

Local Authority Policies/Procedures

Human Rights Act Claims

Profile

Patrick completed a Family Law pupillage in February 2015 under the supervision of Julia Cheetham QC. During the course of his pupillage he experienced a wide breadth of Family Law cases from the Magistrates, County and High Court. Patrick was also able to assist Miss Cheetham QC in her foreign jurisdiction matters.

Patrick originally trained as a Solicitor commencing a general practice training contract in 2007 and qualifying as a Solicitor in 2009. Patrick represented clients in criminal, family, housing and civil law, including representing clients at the police station. Patrick chose to specialise primarily in family law with a particular interest in Public Law Children Act proceedings.

Patrick joined Lancashire County Council Child Protection legal team in December 2009 where he advised on the full range of proceedings including non-accidental injury cases, fictitious injuries, chronic/long term neglect, child death, drug abuse and freeing/placement proceedings.

Patrick is regularly instructed in all areas of children and family law both public and private by parents, grandparents and also represents children which benefit from his local authority experience. Patrick has also continued to represent Local Authorities and can give advice on Local Authority duties and policies if requested. Patrick represents client from initial pre proceedings through all stages until contested hearing. Patrick has continued his busy care proceedings practice and is instructed regularly in cases involving non-accidental injury, sexual abuse and children suffering from

long term physical and emotional neglect.

In addition to his care cases Patrick has represented clients in private law children act matters and family law act proceedings for non-molestation and prohibited steps orders.

Notable Cases

Family

A and S v Lancs CC [2012] EWHC 1689 (Fam)

Remains the leading case in respect of applications to revoke freeing orders. An application was made by two brothers freed for adoption for a declaration that the council had breached the boys' Human rights under Arts 8, 6 and 3 of the ECHR and that the independent reviewing officer had breached their rights under Arts 8 and 6. Declarations granted. Patrick as the Solicitor for Lancashire County Council was recognised with the judgement for his contributions to the written submissions and lessons learnt documents which addressed the IRO system and Human Rights Act claims.

Family

B-G (A Child) [2014] EWHC 444 (Fam)

Patrick represented the Local Authority in proceedings under section 54 of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008. Applications had been made for a parental order by a same sex couple residing in South Africa. The Court was charged with determining if one of the fathers had remained domiciled within the UK despite moving and living in South Africa.

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