

## Susan Grocott

1986 Middle Temple, 2008 Kings Counsel, familyclerks@deanscourt.co.uk



Education	Professional Associations	Appointments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oulder Hill Community School</li> <li>Exeter College, Oxford BA (Oxon)</li> <li>Inns of Court School of Law</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Family Law Bar Association, Joint Chair Manchester Committee</li> <li>Northern Circuit Administrative Law Association</li> <li>Manchester Family Justice Council – FLBA rep</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Co-Chair, Legal Services Committee</li> <li>Vice Chair, Ethics Committee</li> <li>Head of the Family Team</li> <li>2004 Recorder (Northern Circuit) – Crime &amp; Family (Public and private Law)</li> <li>2011 Deputy High Court Judge, Family Division</li> </ul>

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
Private FDR
Early Neutral Evaluation (ENE)

### Professional Experience

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 King's 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

### Re R (Care Proceedings: Causation) [2011]

Practice Area: Family

EWHC 1715 (Fam) [20011] 2 FLR 1384

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### Re S-B (Children) [2009]

Practice Area: Family

UKSC 17 [2010] 1 FLR 1161

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### Lancashire County Council v R [2008]

Practice Area: Family

EWHC 2959 (Fam) [2010] 1 FLR 387

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

Practice Area: Family

EWHC 2198 (Fam) [2003] 1 FLR 579

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## What the Directories say

"Susan is a strong and effective silk."

*Chambers & Partners, 2025*

"She is second to none and her ability to digest large volumes of documentation from a forensic perspective never ceases to impress me."

*Chambers & Partners, 2025*

"Susan Grocott's expertise is second to none. She has superb advocacy skills and breadth of knowledge in family matters."

*Chambers & Partners, 2024*

"Susan is a robust opponent. She knows the law well and is not afraid to advance her client's position."

*Chambers & Partners, 2024*

Susan Grocott handles incredibly complex cases with ease and practicality. She is reassuring, helpful, and grounded. Nothing seems to ruffle her. She is calm, collected and gets to the points in the case.

*Chambers & Partners, 2023*

Susan is excellent, well prepared, meticulous and approachable.

*Chambers & Partners, 2023*

She is straight-talking and robust. A no-nonsense lawyer who is always well prepared.

*Chambers and Partners, 2022*

She has a very straightforward manner that is attractive to clients and judges.

*Chambers and Partners, 2021*

Susan is clear and concise, and thinks on her feet. She is a real force to be reckoned with.

*Chambers and Partners 2020*

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*

A tenacious advocate with a very astute legal brain.

*Legal 500*

Highly recommended for private law children work.

*Legal 500*

Distils large quantities of complex information to the essential arguments.

*Legal 500*

Calm under pressure and measured in her delivery.

*Legal 500*

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

*Chambers UK*

Recommended for [her] sensitivity in care cases.

*Legal 500*

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

*Chambers UK*

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 injuries and induced illness.

Provides robust, pragmatic and client-centric advice. She is a pleasure to work with.

She is very driven to meeting her client's needs and a pleasure to work with.

*Chambers UK*

Specialise in matrimonial finance and private children law.

*Legal 500*

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

*Chambers UK*

Recommended for childcare matters.

*Legal 500*

Applauded for her sensible and hard-working attitude.

*Chambers UK*

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.

A formidable advocate. She has an insightful knowledge about her cases. Calm and reassuring and very able.

Fabulous advocate and leader, who responds quickly to any queries.

*Chambers and Partners*

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*

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

*Chambers UK*

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

*Chambers UK*

In her element with medical issues in childcare proceedings.

*Legal 500*

Clever, conscientious and dedicated to her work.

*Chambers UK*

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