

Heather Hobson

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Education

Withington Girls School. Manchester
Kings College London
Inns of Court School of Law

Professional Associations

Northern Circuit
Family Law Bar Association
Child Concern

Areas of Specialism

Family

Children (Public and Private)

Child Abduction and Leave to Remove

Financial Remedies and Family Property

Cohabitation Disputes

Financial Orders of Children

Court of Protection

Heather specialises exclusively in Family work, both private client and public law proceedings.

She represents parents, children and local authorities. She is regularly instructed in cases of complex factual and medical issues, often appearing against leading counsel.

She has extensive experience of complex financial remedy proceedings and private law children cases including international relocation.

Notable Cases

LCC v R

Practice Area: Family

Case involving allegations that the family were travelling to Syria and that the f's extreme views placed the children at risk of significant harm. Led by Susan Grocott QC.
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Blackpool Borough Council v A (A Child) (Rev 1) [2015] EWFC 9

Practice Area: Family

Represented intervenor in proceedings relating to the death of a child

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A (Secure Accommodation) [2014] EWFC B90

Practice Area: Family

Represented LA in proceedings for secure accommodation order. Proceedings identified the paucity of secure welfare beds
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Halton BC v A & G [2014]

Practice Area: Family

Represented child in 14 day hearing in the High Court before HHJ O'Leary. Case involved a rehearing of a fact finding and welfare disposal involving two profoundly deaf parents

Practice Area: Family

Represented husband in ancillary relief proceedings involving complex family settlements, taxation issues and matters of public policy

Practice Area: Family

Represented husband in protracted and hostile ancillary relief proceedings involving employee benefit trusts, company valuations, disposal of assets and injunctions.

Practice Area: Family

Represented children in proceedings involving the unlawful killing of the mother by the father.

Practice Area: Family

Represented children in serious non accidental injury cases involving the death of another child

Practice Area: Family

Represented Local Authority in serious and complex proceedings involving historic allegations of sexual abuse

Re: K

Practice Area: Family

Mother's anxiety - [1999] 2 FLR 703

Re: O and J

Practice Area: Family

Paternity: blood test [2001] FLR 418

Re: G

Practice Area: Family

Litigation in person [2003] 2 FLR 693

Re: L (Family Proceedings Court appeal jurisdiction) [2005] 1 FLR 210

Practice Area: Family

Family Proceedings Court appeal jurisdiction [2005] 1 FLR 210

Lancashire County Council v D and E

Practice Area: Family

[2010] 2 FLR 196

Re A and B

Practice Area: Family

One parent killed by the other [2011] 1FLR 783

What the Directories say

"She is extremely experienced and a great advocate."

Chambers and Partners 2025

"Heather is an excellent barrister."

Chambers and Partners 2025

"She's thorough, friendly and extremely competent."

Chambers and Partners 2025

"Heather is a solid, safe pair of hands in children work."

Chambers and Partners 2025

"Heather is a safe pair of hands. She's very experienced in care proceedings and keeps us updated regarding matters."

Chambers & Partners, 2024

"Heather is meticulous in her preparation and first rate in client care."

Chambers & Partners, 2024

"Just amazing. Heather is a class act."

Chambers & Partners, 2024

"Heather is a fabulous barrister with exceptional knowledge, and great with clients."

Chambers & Partners, 2024

Heather Hobson is always my first choice, especially on a non accidental injury case. She is a phenomenal advocate, commanding in court and in her written advocacy.

Chambers & Partners, 2023

Heather Hobson is an excellent advocate and passionate about the case she is putting across. Her cross examination and focused attention to the points that assist her case make her formidable.

Chambers & Partners, 2023

She has incredible authority, gaining respect from judges too. She never wastes times and is always well prepared. Heather is an able and robust advocate who tries her hardest for her client.

Chambers and Partners, 2022

You feel confident she will read everything and she is excellent.

Chambers and Partners, 2021

She has a robust but personable approach, which is admired by clients.

Chambers and Partners, 2020

Specialises in matrimonial finance and private children law.

Legal 500

Her practice includes private law children cases involving international relocation.

Legal 500

Acts for parents, children and local authorities on public and private family law, and has experience working on international cases. She also regularly advises on financial remedy disputes.

She is friendly and has a hands-on approach.

A very accomplished advocate who responds quickly to queries.

Chambers and Partners

Acts for parents, children and local authorities on public and private family law, and has experience working on international cases. She also regularly advises on financial remedy disputes.

Deals very thoroughly with large quantities of information and presents it in a manageable form.

Extremely articulate and impressive advocate in complex private children cases.

Chambers UK

Excellent in cross-jurisdictional relocation cases.

Legal 500

Her practice covers non-accidental injuries to children, historical sexual abuse and international relocation matters' 'specialises in matrimonial finance and private children law.

Legal 500

Acts for parents, children and local authorities on public and private family law, and has experience working on international cases. She also regularly advises on financial remedy disputes. She is well equipped to deal with allegations of injury or sexual abuse.

An extremely articulate and impressive advocate.

Thoroughly prepared and very effective.

Chambers and Partners

Experienced in complex financial remedy proceedings.

Legal 500

Acts for a wide range of clients in public law children matters with regards to fatal and serious injuries. Also deals with some private law children cases and matrimonial finance aspects. "She does heavyweight cases and is very good. She is extremely thorough in preparation and a brave advocate.

She is intellectually able, very approachable and has a good level of service.

Chambers UK