

## Carolyn Bland

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### Education

Guildford School of Law  
University of Reading  
Dr Challoner's High School for Girls

### Professional Associations

Northern Circuit  
Family Law Bar Association  
Child Concern

### Areas of Specialism

Family Children (Public Law)

Children (Private)

International and Overseas Territories Law

### Profile

Carolyn commenced in practice as a solicitor starting her articles of clerkship in 1989 with a common law based firm of solicitors. During that time she was involved in assisting in the preparation of a number of criminal appeals arising out of the practices of the West Midlands Serious Crime Squad.

Carolyn qualified as a solicitor in 1991 and practised mainly within the civil field until 1995 when, enjoying advocacy and relishing a new challenge, she transferred to the Bar securing pupillage at Kenworthy's Chambers.

After a subsequent move to Young Street Chambers Carolyn built up a strong Public Law practice.

In 2005 Carolyn accepted an invitation to join Deans Court Chambers' family team where she has been able to continue to develop her commitment to this particular area of the law. It is an area in which Carolyn believes the effective representation of all parties in public law proceedings is vitally important to ensure successful outcomes for children.

Carolyn's skill and expertise is recognised by the fact that she is instructed by Local Authorities, solicitors acting for parents, relatives and children alike. She is also instructed on behalf of children in complex private law cases.

Carolyn has extensive experience of acting in cases of serious injury to children and sexual abuse and has been instructed in a number of cases of suspected factitious induced illness/ illness related behaviour.

### Notable Cases

**H and J (Placement Orders) [2024] EWCA Civ 429**

**Practice Area: Family**

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**Cumbria CC v M & Ors [2016]EWFC 27**

**Practice Area: Family**

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**LCC v C,M & F (Children: Fact Finding) [2014]EWFC 3**

**Practice Area: Family**

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Cumbria CC v M & Ors [2014] EWFC 18

Practice Area: Family

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N-C (Children) [2011]EWCA Civ 1434

Practice Area: Family

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Re N (Children) [2011] EWCA Civ 1434

Practice Area: Family

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Kirklees MDC v S (Contact to newborn Babies) [2006] 1 FLR 333

Practice Area: Family

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Re M (Children) (Determination of responsibility for injuries) [2002] EWCA Civ 499

Practice Area: Family

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Re MH (A child) (Care Proceedings: Children's Guardian) [2001] 2 FLR 1334

Practice Area: Family

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Representing a father in private law proceedings who had suffered significant head trauma and was seeking contact with his child.

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Practice Area: Family

Representing children whose mother was charged with allowing the death of their sibling.

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Practice Area: Family

Represented a father in care proceedings where the mother of one of their children was thought to have caused its death.

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Practice Area: Family

Representing grandparents as carers for children whose mother had been charged with the murder of another.

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Practice Area: Family

Representing Crown in care proceedings in the Falkland Islands.

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