DEANS COURT CHAMBERS

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Education	Professional Associations
Guildford School of Law	Northern Circuit
University of Reading	Family Law Bar Association
Dr Challoner's High School for Girls	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**

Cumbria CC v M & Ors [2016]EWFC 27

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

Practice Area: **Family**

Cumbria CC v M & Ors [2014] EWFC 18

Practice Area: **Family**

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

Practice Area: **Family**

Re N (Children) [2011] EWCA Civ 1434

Practice Area: **Family**

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

Practice Area: **Family**

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

Practice Area: **Family**

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

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

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

Practice Area: Family

Representing Crown in care proceedings in the Falkland Islands.

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