

Sasha Watkinson

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Education

Highworth School
University of Liverpool
Inns of Court School of Law

Professional Associations

Family Law Bar Association
Child Concern
Women In Family Law
Northern Circuit
Lincoln's Inn

Areas of Specialism

Family
Children (Public)
Children (Private)
Child Abduction and Leave to Remove

Profile

Sasha Watkinson is an experienced, diligent, tenacious and in demand Family Law specialist with over 20 years' Children Law experience who has appeared before all levels of judiciary including the Supreme Court.

She specialises in private and public law work and is known for her attention to detail, ability to identify key issues in a case, excellent and persuasive advocacy and determination to achieve the best outcome for her clients. She regularly features in the Legal 500 directory and is described as a practitioner who only has strengths.

Private Law Children

Sasha is a formidable and sought after advocate, whose skills and intellect enable her to provide a first-class service to clients and instructing solicitors alike in private law cases.

She has a wealth of private law experience which has seen her dealing with issues of domestic abuse, factitious and induced illness in another, sexual abuse, physical abuse, drug and alcohol misuse and emotional harm. She has acted for parents and children in those proceedings.

She is sensitive and insightful with clients which enables her to quickly develop positive relationships with them at a time in their lives that is often the most stressful for them.

She is an excellent negotiator whose uses pragmatism and tactical focus to achieve the best results for her clients.

Public Law Children

In her public law work, Sasha has been involved in cases dealing with issues of neglect, drug and alcohol abuse, sexual abuse, domestic abuse, factitious and induced illness in another, physical abuse and emotional harm. She has also dealt with cases involving the death of a child, so called honour-based violence and international child abduction.

She represents local authorities, parents and children and is a well-respected and sought after advocate. She is happy to advise lay and professional clients in conference to identify the best way to approach proceedings and is always responsive to instructing solicitors to guarantee the best outcome for the client.

Notable Cases

Wigan Borough Council v M and Others (Veracity Assessments) [2016] 1 FLR 126

Practice Area: Family

<https://vlex.co.uk/vid/wigan-council-v-m-792737141>

Wigan BC v M and Others (Sexual Abuse: Fact Finding) [2015] EWFC 6

Practice Area: Family

<https://vlex.co.uk/vid/wigan-council-v-m-794064529>

Re S-B [2010] 1 FLR 1161 (Supreme Court)

Practice Area: Family

<https://supremecourt.uk/cases/uksc-2009-0184>

What the Directories say

'Sasha is an effective communicator both orally and in her written work, including closing submissions and skeleton arguments. She commands strong legal and technical language which she is able to convey clearly and concisely in her advocacy.

Legal 500 2026

'Sasha is an extremely experienced advocate who only has strengths. She is excellent with client care and very knowledgeable on family law, and she is able to explain complex family law terminology to clients in a simple way that they can understand.'

Legal 500 2025

Sasha is thorough in preparation, knowledgeable, approachable and incredibly hard working. She keeps instructing solicitors updated throughout the proceedings, seeks further instructions where required and is generally a pleasure to work with. Could not recommend her highly enough.

Legal 500, 2023

Miss Watkinson is extremely thorough, knowledgeable and empathetic. Her advocacy skills are second to none and she has a particular strength at cutting through a case to reduce it to its core principles. She has a particular strength when it comes to cases of fabricated and induced illness, or cases involving serious allegations of abuse, both sexual and physical.

Legal 500, 2021

' A skilled advocate. '

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'Polished, calm and compelling in court.'

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