

Elizabeth Morton

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Education

Withington Girls' School
The University of Manchester (LLB Hons)
The Inns of Court School of Law (BVC)

Professional Associations

FLBA - Regional Membership Secretary
Child Concern
Northern Circuit
Association of Women Barristers

Areas of Specialism

Family

Children (Public and Private)

Child Abduction and Leave to Remove

Cases with an International Element

Linked Care/Criminal Proceedings

Beth Morton started her career in London, having undertaken a general common law pupillage and early years of tenancy at 4, King's Bench Walk Chambers in the Temple.

She specialised in Crime and Family initially and often defended and prosecuted cases at Crown Court level. However, by 2004, she had also established a thriving Family law practice and a keen interest in the subject. She decided to concentrate solely on Family law. She relocated with her family to Manchester, where she was born and brought up.

She joined 18, St John Street Chambers and practised there successfully for five years before being invited to join Deans Court Chambers in 2010.

Beth Morton has developed a busy and thriving specialist family law practice. She regularly acts for Local Authorities, Guardians and parents in all aspects of public child law and private child law, adoption, special guardianship, Rule 16.4 cases and relocation cases. She has experience of complex and unusual cases, findings of fact hearings, and cases involving serious non-accidental injury, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, neglect, domestic violence and drug and alcohol misuse.

Beth Morton has undertaken linked directions hearings where there are concurrent criminal and family proceedings and was involved in two directions hearings relating to murder cases, acting for the Local Authority in each case. She was led in a serious sexual abuse case acting for the alleged perpetrator where the criminal proceedings were concurrent.

Beth has recently been involved in the leading case relating to the electronic tagging of parents in care proceedings, led by Julia Cheetham KC.

Beth Morton has experience acting at the County Court and High Court level and in the Court of Appeal.

Associated Chambers

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Notable Cases

Practice Area: Family

Currently being led in a case involving allegations that the parents attempted to take the children to a war zone namely ISIS controlled Syria. Case involves issues of radicalisation.

Re X and Y (Children)

Practice Area: Family

Re X and Y (Children) (No 1) EWHC 2015 2265 Fam dated 30.7.15 and Re X and Y (Children) (No 2) EWHC 2358 before Sir James Munby, the President of the Family Division - case involving allegations that the parents attempted to take the children to Syria - consideration of interim care Orders and whether they could be discharged in favour of wardship and a series of protective measures including electronic tagging of the parents.

Re D

Practice Area: Family

Before King J - one of the first cases in the High Court dealing with the issue of Female Genital Mutilation. Child rehabilitated to parents care following assessment.

Re S (A child) [2013] EWCA Civ 1835

Practice Area: Court of Appeal

Appeal by mother against care order and authorisation to place S for adoption. Refusal of application for direct contact with Y. Appeal dismissed and permission to appeal refused.
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RE JL (2009) EWCA Civ 876

Practice Area: Court of Appeal

Acting for the LA in an Adoption case involving an appeal by a litigant in person against Orders made preventing a child being placed with a sibling in a complex family situation. Appeal refused.
