

Hannah Whelan

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Education

LL.B (Hons) University of Liverpool 2008
Bar Vocational Course: Nottingham Law
School (Very Competent) 2010

Professional Associations

Appointments

Circuit Junior of the Midland Circuit 2016-
2017

Areas of Specialism

Family

Children (Public & Private)

Hannah is a busy and experienced family law practitioner accepting instructions in both public and private law children matters.

She is well regarded for her pragmatic and down to earth approach in and out of Court, yet is a fierce and determined trial advocate, comfortable cross examining experts, professional witnesses and lay witnesses alike. She regularly appears at all levels of the Single Family Court.

Hannah accepts instructions from local authorities, parents, intervenors and on behalf of children in care proceedings involving issues such as suspected non-accidental injuries, domestic and sexual abuse, drug and alcohol misuse, neglect and cases involving an international element. Additionally, Hannah has been instructed both in her own right and as led junior counsel on cases involving suspected inflicted brain injuries and fractures in young babies.

In private law matters, Hannah is often instructed in complex contact and residence disputes (Child Arrangements Orders) and is used to dealing with issues such as domestic, sexual and financial abuse, parental alienation and relocation cases.

Hannah is often specifically instructed to represent vulnerable clients as outside of the law, she has experience caring for and working with individuals with health, learning and communication difficulties. She is able to adjust her working methods, speech and tone in order to relate to a client and ensure their understanding of complex legal matters and phraseology.

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