

Toby Craddock

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Education

Bacup & Rawtenstall Grammar School
University of Exeter, Law LLB (Hons)
BPP University Manchester, BPTC (Very Competent)
Middle Temple Jules Thorn Scholar

Professional Associations

Northern Circuit
Family Law Bar Association
Advocate Volunteer
Association of Lawyers for Children
Child Concern

Areas of Specialism

Family

Children Law

Toby has practised exclusively in family law since he was called to the bar in 2015 and specialises in both public and private children's law.

Toby has established himself as a talented junior practitioner and is frequently instructed on behalf of local authorities, parents and children at all stages of proceedings — in both the Family Court and Family Division of the High Court.

Feedback from professional and lay clients acknowledges Toby's meticulous preparation, reassuring manner and robust advocacy across the full spectrum of cases he undertakes, which involve issues of non-accidental injury, fabricated or induced illness, sexual abuse, deprivation of liberty, international child abduction, and parental alienation.

Toby is also accredited to cross-examine children having successfully completed the FLBA's 'Advocacy and the Vulnerable' training programme.

Toby is developing his practice in surrogacy law and frequently delivers seminars on parental orders. He is always happy to provide advice in-person, in writing or by video conferencing.

Outside Court, Toby is the secretary to Greater Manchester's Family Law Bar Association, is sub-editor to In Brief, the magazine of the Northern Circuit, and sits on Greater Manchester's Local Family Justice Board. Toby also provides court skills training in partnership with the University of Manchester.

Notable Cases

Re X (Temporary Removal: Non-Hague Country) [2021] EWHC 3778 (Fam)

Practice Area: Family Law

Instructed to represent the child by their children's guardian before Russell J. Successfully opposed the father's application for permission to temporarily remove the child from this jurisdiction to Saudi Arabia.

Parental Responsibility and the Falsehood of Paternity: Interpreting s 4(2A) of the Children Act 1989

Practice Area: Publication

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