DEANS COURT CHAMBERS

# Timothy Bowe

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| Education | Professional Associations | Appointments |
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| MA History (Cantab) | Family Law Bar Association | Recorder, 2018 |
| CPE/Diploma in Law (City University) | West Midlands Family Law Bar Association | |
| CPE/Diploma in Law (City University) | Association of Lawyers for Children | |

## Areas of Specialism

- Family Law
- Public Law - Children
- Private Law - Children

## Profile

Timothy Bowe KC specialises in the law relating to children.  He is a leading practitioner in complex public and private law family disputes and has a strong reputation as an effective and persuasive advocate. His expertise in the field of Family Law means he often appears in highly complex and sensitive public and private law cases and is well regarded for his forensic style and strategic approach in difficult cases.

Timothy regularly acts for local authorities, parents and children as well as separately represented young people. He has extensive experience representing clients in the High Court and the Court of Appeal.

Timothy sits as Family Law Recorder.

Timothy is the Chair of the West Midlands Family Law Bar Association.  He is an active participant on the Midland Circuit and often addresses the West Midlands and National Family Law Bar Association and Association of Lawyers for Children in key developments in private law.

Areas of interest include:

- Child death
- Serious physical injury
- Allegations of emotional, physical, and sexual abuse
- Fabricated/Induced illness (FII) / Perplexing Presentations
- International jurisdiction
- Surrogacy and fertility law
- Intractable residence and contact disputes/contact costs
- Deprivation of Liberty
- Media/privacy law in the family court

Timothy has appeared in notable reported cases in both public and private law including ***Tickle v Griffiths [2021] EWFC 3365 (Fam)*** (High Court) and ***Griffiths v Tickle [2021] EWCA Civ 1882*** (Court of Appeal) and ***Tickle v Herefordshire County Council & Ors [2022] EWHC 1017 (Fam)*** addressing privacy in Family Law, ***Griffiths v Griffiths (Guidance on Contact Costs) [2022] EWHC 113 (Fam)*** and ***Re W (A Child) (Inflicted Injury) (Delay) [2024] EWCA Civ 418*** in which he successfully acted for the appellant in a complex non-accidental injury case.

Timothy is an active participant on the Midlands Circuit and is the Chair of the West Midlands Family Law Bar Association.  He often speaks at Circuit and national seminars.

He is ranked in Chambers and Partner and the Legal 500.

## Public Law - Children

Timothy Bowe KC is a specialist public law children practitioner with a formidable reputation for representing local authorities, parents, children and separately represented young people in complex public law family proceedings. He is experienced at representing vulnerable clients and has a collaborative, reassuring style that is effective in and outside of court.

Timothy has experience representing clients in the senior courts including the Court of Appeal.  He has developed a reputation for straightforward, persuasive advocacy as well as forensic legal analysis.

Timothy regularly represents local authorities, parents and children in complex public law children work and has a particular interest in the following areas:

Serious sexual harm

Serious physical injury

Non-accidental injury/medical cases

Domestic abuse

Fabricated or induced illness and Perplexing Presentations

Toxicology/poisoning

International/internal relocation

Human Rights

DOLS and Court of Protection

Disclosure (including PII applications)

Media/privacy law in family proceedings

Judicial Review

Timothy appeared in a number of recent notable cases including *Tickle v Griffiths [2021] EWFC 3365 (Fam)* in the High Court and *Griffiths v Tickle [2021] EWCA Civ 1882* in the Court of Appeal as well as in *Tickle v Herefordshire County Council & Ors [2022] EWHC 1017 (Fam)* addressing privacy/publication in the Family Court as well as in *Re W (A Child) (Inflicted Injury) (Delay) [2024] EWCA Civ 418* where he successfully represented the appellant.

## Private Law - Children

Timothy Bowe KC has a wealth of experience representing parents and children in all types of private law disputes.  He has a strong reputation as a persuasive and authoritative advocate who works collaboratively with solicitors and clients. Timothy has a pleasant and affable style and a reputation for putting complex matters clearly and with precision.

Timothy has considerable experience in all aspects of private law disputes however has a particular expertise in the following areas:

Allegations of abuse/fabricated, induced illness

Intractable welfare disputes (residence and contact)

Costs

Habitual residence

Non-Molestation/Occupation Orders

Domestic and international relocation

Medical, educational disputes

Surrogacy and Parental Order applications

Special Guardianship

Media/privacy law in Family Law proceedings

Timothy is experienced in acting for children and families in complex surrogacy cases. Notable cases include in a long running High Court case involving Parental Orders and Child Arrangement Orders in which he acted for the child: *Re C (A Child: Parental Order & Child Arrangements Order) [2020] EWHC 2474*, *Re C (A Child: Parental Order & Child Arrangements Order [2020] EWHC 214*, *Re C (A Child) Parental Order & Child Arrangements Order No.3) p2021] EWHC 3045* and *Re C (A Child) (Parental Order & Child Arrangements Orders No.4) [2022] EWHC 2501*. He also appeared in the Court of Appeal in *Re AZ (A Child) (Recusal) [2022] EWCA Civ 911*.

Timothy has extensive experience representing children and families in cases involving publicity/publication. Recent notable cases include *Tickle v Griffiths [2021] EWFC 3365 (Fam)* (High Court) and *Griffiths v Tickle [2021] EWCA Civ 1882* (Court of Appeal) and *Tickle v Herefordshire County Council & Ors [2022] EWHC 1017 (Fam)*.

He also acted for the child in *Griffiths v Griffiths (Guidance on Contact Costs) [2022] EWHC 113 (Fam)*.

Timothy is the Chair of the West Midlands Family Law Bar Association. He is an active participant on the Midland Circuit and often addresses the West Midlands and National Family Law Bar Association and Association of Lawyers for Children in key developments in private law.

## Dispute Resolution

Timothy Bowe KC specialises in the law relating to children. He is a leading practitioner in complex public and private law family disputes and has a strong reputation as an effective and persuasive advocate. He has extensive experience representing families and children.

His areas of interest include:

Child Arrangement Orders

Human Rights

Complex jurisdictional issues

Complex finding of fact hearings (including FII, cases involving sexual, physical and emotional harm/NAI cases) and final hearings

International surrogacy disputes.

## Notable Cases

### Re X and Y (Revocation of Adoption Orders) [2024] EWHC 1059 (Fam)

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Re X and Y (Revocation of Adoption Orders) [2024] EWHC 1059 (Fam)

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### Re W (A Child) (Inflicted Injury) (Delay) [2024] EWCA Civ 418

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### Birmingham City Council v M & Ors [2023] EWHC 3312 (Fam)

**Practice Area: Public law**

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### A City Council v M & Ors [2020] EWCA 947 (Fam)

**Practice Area: Public law**

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**Re E (A Child) [2020] EWFC 73**

Practice Area: **Public law**

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**Tickle v Herefordshire County Council & Ors [2022] EWHC 1017 (Fam)**

Practice Area: **Private Law**

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**Griffiths v Griffiths: (Guidance on Contact Costs) [2022] EWHC 113 (Fam)**

Practice Area: **Private Law**

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**Griffiths v Tickle [2021] EWCA Civ 1882**

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**Tickle v Griffiths [2021] EWHC 3365 (Fam)**

Practice Area: **Private Law**

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**Re: C (A Child: Parental Order & Child Arrangements Order) [2020] EWHC 2474**

Practice Area: **Private Law**

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**Re: C (A Child: Parental Order & Child Arrangements Order) [2020] EWHC 214**

## Practice Area: **Private Law**

### What the Directories say

"He's impressive to watch on his feet and his submissions are like poetry."

*Chambers and Partners 2025*

"A superb leading counsel. He is extremely well prepared, pragmatic, sensible, focused and has a really lovely manner with his clients."

*Chambers and Partners 2025*

"Tim is an advocate of the highest calibre. He has excellent attention to detail and real forensic ability in his case preparation and analysis. He has a lovely manner with everyone - whether clients, opponents, professionals or the court. His advocacy is smooth, it is not aggressive but is incredibly effective."

*Legal 500 2025*

"Timothy is very smart and switched on both legally and tactically."

*Chambers and Partners 2024*

"Timothy has exceptional knowledge and an attention to detail. He is a confident and charismatic advocate."

*Chambers and Partners 2024*

"Timothy is an exceptional advocate. He is calm and has a really impressive court presence."

*Chambers and Partners 2024*

"Timothy is an excellent barrister who is devastatingly effective. His preparation, presentation and advocacy are unrivalled."

*Legal 500 2024*

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