

## Julia Cheetham - Deputy Head of Chambers

1990 Lincoln's Inn (Bursar), 2015 Kings Counsel, [julia@dcc.net](mailto:julia@dcc.net)



Education	Professional Associations	Appointments
Wilmslow High School Nottingham University LLB (Hons)	Northern Circuit Family Law Bar Association	Recorder 2008 (Public Law Family, Private Law Family and Civil)

Areas of Specialism
Family
Child care
Court of Protection
Community Care Law
Medical
Human Rights
International and Overseas Territories Law
Community Care, Mental Health and Court of Protection

Julia's practice involves complex proceedings relating to children and young people including care proceedings, adoption, wardship and judicial review.

Julia specialises in cases involving complex medical evidence relating to the death or serious injury of children including head injury, sexual abuse and abnormal illness behaviour. She appears in the High Court and Court of Protection in serious cases involving medical treatment and complex packages of care and withdrawal of life sustaining treatment.

Cases where one parent has killed another or where a child has been unlawfully killed are a particular area of specialism and Julia has represented parents, children and local authorities in such cases many of which have involved high profile criminal cases and/or serious case reviews.

Julia has wide experience in dealing with public law cases with an international element both within the European Union and the British Overseas Territories. She has an interest in disability and Human Rights Issues, in particular, those relating to Deaf and learning disabled parents. She frequently advises in relation to capacity issues and issues arising for young people who lack capacity.

Julia has recently been involved in the leading case relating to the electronic tagging of parents in care proceedings.

Julia regularly gives seminars to professionals working within the field of child protection including safeguarding training, court craft and expert witness training.

## Notable Cases

**A Local Authority and Others v X (Need for a finding of fact hearing) [2023] EWFC 121**

Practice Area: Family

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**Derbyshire County Council v Marsden [2023] EWHC 1892 (Fam)**

Practice Area: Family

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**Re BR and Others (Transparency Order: Findings of Fact Hearing) [2023] EWFC Fam**

Practice Area: Family

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**Re G (Child:Post Mortem Report: Delays) [2022] EWFC 55**

Practice Area: Family

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**A Local Authority v A, B and D [2022] EWFC 23**

Practice Area: Family

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**Derby CC v CK and Others (Compliance with DOL Practice Guidance) [2021] EWHC 2931 (Fam)**

Practice Area: Family

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**I-A (Revocation of Adoption Order) [2021] EWCA Civ 1222**

Practice Area: Family

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**Wigan BC v Y (Refusal to Authorise Deprivation of Liberty) [2021] EWHC 1982 (Fam)**

Practice Area: Family

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**D (A Child) [2021] EWCA Civ 797**

Practice Area: Family

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**A Borough Council v E (Unavailability of Regulated Placement) [2021] EWHC 183**

Practice Area: Family

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**Lancashire County Council v TP and Others [2019] EWFC 30**

Practice Area: Family

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**P (Sexual Abuse: Finding of Fact Hearing) [2019] EWFC 27**

Practice Area: Family

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**AA and 25 Others (Children) [2019] EWFC 64**

Practice Area: Family

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**Re M (Children) [2018] EWCA Civ 607**

Practice Area: Family

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**Y (A Child) (No 2) Re [2017] EWHC 967**

Practice Area: Family

## What the Directories say

"Julia Cheetham provides clear and expert advice on highly complex matters, calming the waters in extremely contentious cases, easing the client's concerns and providing sublime advocacy."

*Chambers & Partners, 2024*

"Julia is a fabulous King's Counsel with exceptional knowledge and is wonderful with clients."

*Chambers & Partners, 2024*

Julia is a very experienced and a very persuasive advocate. She's excellent at communicating the legal complexities of a matter to clients.

*Chambers & Partners, 2023*

Julia Cheetham is a highly competent and fantastic advocate

*Chambers & Partners, 2023*

She is exemplary. She's always calm, measured and methodical - you feel in incredibly safe hands. Her case preparation, advocacy and drafting is always of the highest quality." "She's client-friendly, extremely bright and very focused on the tactics of the case.

*Chambers and Partners, 2022*

Julia is an exceptional advocate. Her preparation and attention to detail is impressive. Julia is fearless in presenting arguments on behalf of her clients. She is always a pleasure to work with, however ugly the issues in the case.

*Legal 500, 2022*

She is exceptional. She has an excellent reputation.

*Chambers and Partners, 2021*

She is exceptional as an advocate and always a pleasure to be in a case with. Careful preparation and fearless in cross examination.

*Legal 500, 2021*

Julia takes an extremely thorough approach and has an incredible eye for detail, leaving no stone unturned. She is very calm and patient and deals with the client in a calm and friendly way, which puts them at ease.

*Chambers and Partners*

Dogged in her pursuance of her client's case.

*Legal 500*

Highly experienced in matters involving children and vulnerable adults. Her cases cover a range of issues including injuries, sexual abuse and child trafficking. She has a deep understanding of the laws governing British Overseas Territories. "She never fails to impress me with her knowledge and expertise, her calming manner and her proactive, hands-on approach in difficult circumstances." "Julia's client care skills are second to none. In court she is always courteous, well prepared and able to present her case clearly and effectively.

*Chambers and Partners*

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Very experienced in cases of serious injuries and sexual abuse involving children.

*Legal 500*

Her practice includes wardship, care and adoption matters.

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Highly experienced in complex children law proceedings

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Experienced in cases involving neglect and serious injuries to children, as well as medical treatment matters

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Experienced in cases involving fatalities and non-accidental injuries to children

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