

Eleanor Berney-Dale

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Eleanor Berney-Dale is a specialist in all family law matters and has appeared at all levels up to, and including, the High Court.

She delivers thorough and robust representation at all hearings, ensuring that all matters are dealt with as efficiently and tailored to a client's specific needs. Her patient and supportive approach achieves the highest level of client care.

Expertise

Family

Eleanor practices the following areas:

Notable Cases

AA & Others [2022] EWFC 200

Matrimonial Finance

Eleanor's detailed and analytical consideration of papers allows her to grasp the nuances of a client's case quickly. She offers comprehensive and pragmatic advice to client's from start to finish, allowing them to better understand the range of options available. Her meticulous drafting ensures indisputable orders and the court's firm understanding of her client's position with the

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supporting law.

Notable cases include:

- Securing an agreed settlement at FDR with an 80% share in favour to her client despite, the court having given a lower indication for settlement
- Assisting in the drafting of questionnaires to significantly narrow issues for FDR which lead parties to settlement
- Successfully resisting applications for inheritance to be considered non-matrimonial property and securing negotiations which included both inheritance and assets under a deed of trust
- Securing enforcement of interim and final orders, with cost orders made in her client's favour

Private Law

Eleanor's calm conferencing approach allows clients to speak freely about their experiences and quickly secures pivotal details that allow her to advance a client's case as firmly as possible.

Eleanor's has extensive experience with a wide variety of issues including serious domestic violence allegations encompassing sexual abuse, physical abuse, coercive and controlling behaviour and parental alienation. She has a strong history of securing positive outcomes for client's applications for transfer of living arrangements, relocation, shared care and no contact orders. She is regularly instructed for finding of fact hearings and final hearing, obtaining positive outcome for her clients through precise and robust cross examination and submissions.

Family Law Act Proceedings

Eleanor has a well-founded practice representing clients within injunction proceedings. she successfully represents both applicants and respondents in dealing with matters swiftly and considerately for a positive resolution.

Public Law

Eleanor has been instructed by all parties, including local authorities, parents, grandparents, guardians and representation of a child separated from the children's guardian. She has also been led by senior-juniors on a number of occasions on complex and long running contested hearings.

Eleanor has experience across a wide range of issues; non-accidental injury, induced or fabricated illness, neglectful parenting, beyond parental control, substance misuse and emotional, physical and sexual abuse. Eleanor's methodical case preparation allows her to grasp the critical issues in the case, while retaining a deeper understanding of the nuances that must be navigated. Her calm and practical approach has been fundamental in assisting clients with cognitive difficulties.

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Qualifications

- LLM Masters of Law
- Bar Professional Training Course
- Graduate Diploma in Law
- BSc Business and Management

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