

# Grace Gwynne

Call: 2017

"Grace is a consummate advocate. She is powerful in court and inspires the confidence of the judiciary, she is always able to maintain focus on the central issues and is not distracted or diverted, and she has excellent client skills and is an effective negotiator."

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Grace is a robust and fierce advocate and represents clients in all aspects of matters and has appeared at all levels up to, and including, the High Court.

## Expertise

### Family

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Grace is a highly regarded advocate regularly instructed in serious and sensitive cases. Her work sees her act as both alone or as a led junior in a range of complex cases.

#### Private Children Law

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In private law, Grace represents parents and 16.4 guardians at all stages of proceedings. Grace has extensive experience in representing parents in multi-day fact-finding hearings involving allegations of sexual assault, domestic violence and implacable hostility within a relationship. Grace has particular expertise in cases involving significant parental alienation.

Grace provides written advice in these areas and will draft documents including case summaries, chronologies, skeleton arguments and position statements.

Grace regularly receives instructions in serious Family Law Act applications, including Non-Molestation Orders and Occupation Orders, Grace accepts last minute instructions.

Grace is adept at protecting vulnerable clients throughout proceedings, with a particular emphasis on ensuring that a client feels safe within proceedings. Grace has also successfully opposed malicious applications of this nature.

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## Public Law

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Grace accepts instructions on behalf of local authorities, parents, Guardians, competent children and intervenors. Her experience encompasses a wide variety of issues including serious domestic violence, intergenerational sexual abuse, child abuse, child sexual abuse, chronic neglect, significant emotional harm, substance abuse and non-accidental injuries.

Grace conducts fact-finding hearings with complex issues including inflicted injuries such as brain injury and multiple fractures, child trafficking, child sexual exploitation, factitious or fabricated illness. Advocacy frequently involves co-ordination of specialist expert evidence.

Grace's wealth of experience in non-accidental injuries includes her representing parents accused of inflicting injuries, Local Authorities pursuing findings of inflicted injuries and also the children, both through a Guardian and those separately represented. Grace has experience in acting alone representing clients accused of inflicting fractures, brain injuries, haemorrhages and bruising.

Grace also accepts instructions in FDAC proceedings.

Grace is skilled at conducting client conferences with vulnerable clients on sensitive matters and is often instructed due to her approachable nature and compassionate approach.

Before coming to the Bar, Grace worked as a criminal defence advocate in Connecticut, USA. Her criminal law background assists her in preparing family law cases that involve previous or concurrent criminal proceedings. Grace is used to dealing with cases where there are concurrent criminal proceedings and issues of disclosure and PII.

Grace has experience of emergency hearings and is happy to accept last minute instructions.

## Financial Remedies

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Grace receives regular instructions in all aspects of financial remedy proceedings from first directions appointments to final hearings. Grace's experience includes cases involving international assets and those where conduct arguments are pursued.

## Personal Injury

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Grace is frequently instructed in:

- trials;
- interlocutory hearings;
- CCMCs;
- Stage 3 hearings;
- Infant approval hearings;
- pleadings
- advices on quantum.

Grace has a thriving personal injury practice and is regularly instructed by both Claimants and Defendants.

Grace is experienced in advising upon workplace accidents, RTAs, occupiers liability accidents and highways claims which result in catastrophic and life changing injuries. Grace's experience has also focused upon cases where there are allegations of fraud, including

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dealing with allegations of fundamental dishonesty. Grace is a thorough and meticulous cross-examiner. Grace has particular expertise in advising on cases that raise complex issues of procedure or law.

Prior to pupillage, Grace worked as a criminal defence and personal injury advocate in Connecticut, USA. The majority of her caseload involved assisting in catastrophic personal injury cases such as brain injury and fatal accidents.

## Clinical Negligence

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Grace regularly appears in interlocutory hearings, including case and cost management hearings and application hearings on behalf of both the Claimant and the Defendant.

## Inquests, Public Inquiries & Coronial Law (Personal Injury)

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Grace represents clients at inquests, both in personal injury and clinical negligence.

Recently, she represented the family of a 13 year old girl who was killed when her father was driving under the influence of alcohol and cocaine and collided with a brick wall. Grace secured an 'unlawful killing' conclusion.

Grace is known for her compassionate approach with families whilst simultaneously able to grapple with complex evidential matters and coronial law.

In addition, Grace carries out clinical negligence inquests. Her recent inquests relate to a delayed diagnosis, a failure to act upon a sepsis diagnosis and delayed treatment.

## Awards



## Accreditations

- Advocacy Scholarship from BPP University

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## Memberships

- The Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn

## Awards

- Junior Barrister of the Year Award 2024 – Birmingham Law Society

## Qualifications

- Bar Professional Training Course, BPP [2016-2017]
- Law LLB, University of Manchester [2016]

## Testimonials

*"I would like to express my immense gratitude to Grace Gwynne for her outstanding knowledge and expertise; her guidance has been instrumental throughout this process.*

*Your advocacy was insightful and robust. Grace Gwynne's professionalism, determination, and empathetic approach demonstrated a true powerhouse dedication to achieving the best possible outcome that exceeded my expectations.*

*I wholeheartedly recommend Grace Gwynne to anyone seeking a knowledgeable, professional, compassionate, and highly effective barrister to support their case." – Anonymous*

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