

# Hannah Court

Call: 2015



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## Expertise

### Family

**Hannah has received the following feedback from previous professional and lay clients:**

"Impressed...Hannah got to grips with the issues very quickly and thoroughly and got the best result available in the circumstances." (professional client)

"Hannah is consistent in her attitude, thoroughly prepared and extremely professional in her approach. So thoroughly prepared and achieving excellent results. Amazing." (professional client)

"I was extremely impressed with how Hannah presented my case and her level of professionalism was second to none. I 100% wouldn't hesitate to use her again in the future!!" (lay client)

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"I just wanted to feedback to you that Hannah did an absolutely amazing job in representing my client. She liaised with my client at all times and was able to return the child back to my client, something that seemed very unlikely before the hearing was due to take place. Hannah sent me her attendance note straight away together a well-drafted clear order, she was simply brilliant." – (professional client)

"Miss Court was a calming influence in a complex family case. Her ability to swiftly determine key facts and communicate them in a simple way is awe inspiring. She is a very intelligent woman with an innate ability to think on her feet with breath taking speed...She is a woman of exceptionally high intellect and integrity and her conduct was in line with the very best traditions of the bar. I would recommend her to anyone in an instant." (lay client)

"Professional and delivered a fine result with passion..exceptional but most importantly you were approachable." (lay client)

## Matrimonial Finance

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Hannah has practiced within this area of law since pupillage and has built a wealth of experience in dealing with the complex issues that often arising within disputes of this nature, to include: the existence of complicated trust funds, disputes relating to beneficial ownership of properties, disputes relating to expert valuations, conduct arguments, assertions of 'sham', etc.

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## Private Law Children

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Hannah has developed a vast amount of experience in Private Law proceedings. Within her Private Law practice, Hannah has often successfully challenged the recommendations within a Section 7 report where these are not accepted by her client. She has also successfully challenged the recommendations of an expert psychologist and persuaded the court not to accept the same following cross examination. Hannah also has a wealth of experience of appealing orders made within Private Law proceedings.

Hannah has been instructed multi-day fact finding hearings involving a number of serious allegations to include: physical violence, sexual abuse (to include the most serious forms), child sexual abuse, honour- based violence, coercive and controlling behaviour, psychological abuse, financial abuse and parental alienation.

Hannah takes on a compassionate approach to client representation and works tirelessly to to secure the best possible outcomes for her clients.

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## Public Law

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Hannah acts for Local Authorities, parents, and children throughout all stages of Public Law proceedings. She has also previously represented the interests of extended family members within such proceedings.

Hannah has been instructed in cases featuring a number of complicated issues to include: neglectful parenting, drug and alcohol misuse, sexual abuse, parental alienation, FII, non-accidental injury, DOLs. Hannah has experience of representing client's with significant learning disabilities and communication difficulties and is adept at delicately, compassionately and professionally handling such situations. Hannah is committed to approaching such proceedings with sensitivity and diligence, striving to secure the rights and welfare of vulnerable children and families.

## Awards

## Accreditations

- Middle Temple Pupillage Award (2017)
- Baron Dr Ver Heyden de Lancey Prize (Middle Temple, 2016)
- Middle Temple Certificate of Honour (2016)
- The Faculty of Business and Law Prize (University of the West of England, 2015)
- Bristol Futures Award (University of the West of England, 2014)

## Education

- Bachelor of Civil Law, University of Oxford

## Qualifications

- LLB Hons, University of the West of England – First Class
- Bar Professional Training Course – Ranked as 'Outstanding'
- Bachelor of Civil Law, University of Oxford
- ADRg Accredited Civil and Commercial Mediator.

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