

Heather Popley

Call: 2003

"Heather is a very strong advocate, she is well prepared, personable and makes herself available."

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Heather Popley is a family law practitioner, with a focus on matters involving children.

Expertise

Family

Heather practices the following areas:

Private Law Children

Heather has extensive experience of private law children cases involving complex issues, including "parental alienation" and intractable contact disputes; fact findings, such as those involving allegations of domestic violence, physical and sexual abuse; removal out of the jurisdiction, and internal and international relocation.

Heather provides written advice in all areas of her family practice along with other written work, such as skeleton arguments, Scott Schedules, threshold documents and submissions. She appears regularly in the Family Court and High Court and has appeared in the Court of Appeal.

Heather is sensitive to the needs of each individual party she represents, rigorously putting their position, whilst providing clear and practical advice having regard to the overall circumstances of each case. She has experience working with clients who are vulnerable, and parties with learning difficulties requiring a litigation friend to be appointed, including cases involving the appointment of the Official Solicitor.

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Public Law Children

Heather represents local authorities, parents, other relatives and children's guardians in care proceedings, including Special Guardianship, placement and adoption applications, secure accommodation orders and deprivation of liberty applications.

Heather has experience of cases involving serious allegations of sexual abuse (including child sexual exploitation); non-accidental injury including brain injury, multiple fractures, suffocation; factitious or fabricated illness; chronic neglect; and domestic abuse.

Heather is experienced in dealing with cases that have concurrent criminal proceedings and issues regarding disclosure that may arise. She often appears in complex cases involving vulnerable witnesses and applications necessitating Re W arguments and ground rules hearings.

Awards



Qualifications

- LL.B. (Hons)
- Called to the Bar 2003 Gray's Inn
- FLBA Advocacy and the Vulnerable Training

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