

Kathryn Taylor

Call: 2005

"Kathryn is an excellent barrister and she always fights her client's corner. She is always well-prepared and is equally effective when making submissions or cross-examining a witness, and she has a relaxed style which belies her preparation and focus."

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Kathryn Taylor practices across all aspects of family law, demonstrating an impressive ability in complex law disputes in particular. She has a wealth of experience in handling cases involving domestic abuse, injuries and sexual exploitation (Chambers UK 2025)

Described as 'excellent, thorough and diligent' Kathryn works closely with those instructing her in order to offer a team approach to her clients. In recent case that involved cross examination of several experts, Kathryn successfully argued against a final order approving a care plan to remove a child from her mother to place with grandparents.

Kathryn has had recent success in the Court of Appeal, and secured the child's placement with her mother, whilst clarifying the approach to cases involving future risk.

Within Private Law proceedings Kathryn is instructed in complicated cases involving alienating behaviours, allegations of sexual abuse, relocation of children, and issues where fact find hearings are necessary. Kathryn also sits as a Early Neutral Evaluation Assesor utilising her 20 years experience to help parties find a resolution outside the courtroom.

Kathryn is committed to giving robust and honest advice whilst fearlessly representing her clients' position.

Expertise

Family

Kathryn accepts instructions in all cases involving children, including complex private and public law at all levels of the family court.

Kathryn accepts Direct Access instructions.

Kathryn has completed the Vulnerable Witness Training.

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Notable Cases

Re M (Care Order: Risk: Family Placement) (2025) EWCA Civ 163

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL V AA AND ORS [2022] EWHC 3404 (FAM)

Re K (2020) EWCA Civ 1503

Re K (Children) [2021] EWHC 1409 (Fam)

President of the Family Division considering the welfare of three children following lengthy proceedings and appeal. Kathryn was led by Richard Hadley.

Re A B and C (Children: Adoption) [2020] EWHC Fam 2335

A Local Authority v AB, CD, EF, GH and IJ, and KL, MN, OP [2019] EWFC 75

Re B-T (Children), [2017] EWCA Civ 265

Court of Appeal setting aside findings of inflicted injury on the basis of, inter alia, procedural irregularity.

Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council v M and Ors [2016] EWHC 2660 (Fam)

High Court CSE / RRO – Kathryn acted for the child during the preliminary hearing.

Re N (Children) [2016] EWCA Civ 656

Kathryn represented the Local Authority in the Court of Appeal considering the right of a sibling to make a s.34 application.

Slade v Slade [2009] EWCA Civ 748; [2009] WLR (D) 248

Court of Appeal considering the appropriate procedure for sentencing for contempt, where there has been a previous criminal conviction for the same event giving rise to a contempt. Court of Appeal considering the appropriate length of sentence on the facts of the contemnor's first breach.

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Re M-A (Care Threshold) [2009] ECWA Civ 853, [2010] 1 FLR 431

Court of Appeal giving consideration as to the meaning of “significant harm” in s.31 CA 1989. Kathryn acted as junior to Lorna Meyer QC.

Public Law

Kathryn has recent experience representing local authorities, parents and children, in cases involving the following issues:

- Death of a child / parent
- Fabricated and Induced Illnes
- Severe and life changing injury (head, brain, fractures)
- Witchcraft / ritual abuse
- Terrorism
- Child Sex Exploitation
- International child abduction and movement of children.

Private Law Children

Kathryn is instructed in a wide variety of private law proceedings with issues including:

- Child Arrangements Orders
- Relocation of a child (international and domestic)

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Qualifications

- 2001 Kenrick Scholar, University of Birmingham
- 2004 Hardwicke Scholar, Lincoln's Inn
- 2005 Denning Scholar, Lincoln's Inn
- 2012 ATC accreditation

Professional Experience

Kathryn was called to the bar in 2005 and after her pupillage in 2006 commenced tenancy in 2007. From 2010 – 2012 Kathryn was a visiting lecturer at Birmingham University; from 2012 Kathryn was appointed a senior lecturer and an ATC qualified Advocacy Assessor at Nottingham Trent University where she taught on the Bar Professional Training Course. Kathryn regularly speaks at chambers seminars, where recent talks have included a Private Law Update and round up of the law and procedure in cases with a suspected terrorism element.

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