

Kristina Brown

Call: 1998

"Kristina is an excellent advocate who is always thoroughly prepared and ensures that clients cases are articulately and persuasively argued. She is sensitive to the needs of the client, and is approachable and calm and measured in her manner, in often very difficult situations."

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Kristina Brown is a highly regarded children law practitioner specialising in the most serious and complex of Children Act cases, including in the High Court and the Court of Appeal. She is led frequently and also leads juniors, including in the High Court.

She has an established reputation for tactical preparation, forensic analysis of complex and voluminous medical evidence and excellent client care. She is known for her sensitive, down-to-earth yet robust attitude. Her case preparation, paperwork and pleasant nature draw frequent note. Her advocacy is forceful, subtle and effective.

Kristina has particular interest in Public Law cases and is greatly sought after in cases involving allegations of inflicted injury including child death.

Many of her cases involve a parallel police investigation leading to charge and trial.

Kristina's experience also covers the full range of Private Law applications.

Kristina presents lectures and training seminars to solicitors, local authorities and other child protection professionals. Kristina is an appointed Member of the Development Board of the Institute of Advanced Study at Durham University. She is an Honorary Professor of Law at the University of Winchester.

As the legal directories note (see below), Kristina commands respect from judges, opponents, instructing solicitors and clients, for her insightful and forensic preparation, her ability to get to the heart of complex cases, her client care and her skill as an advocate.

Expertise

Family

Kristina specialises in Children Act cases, appearing throughout the family court including the Court of Appeal and appearing regularly in the High Court.

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Kristina has particular interest in Public Law cases and represents Local Authorities, parents (including those with disabilities and cognitive challenges), extended family members and children either through their Guardian or by their own solicitor. She has significant experience in care cases including baby death, non-accidental injuries, sexual abuse, surrogacy, child trafficking, parental alienation, terrorism, chronic neglect and in representing parents and children with serious psychological difficulties, including self harming, and in acting for parents with compromised functioning, including requirement for the Official Solicitor.

Kristina's experience also covers the full range of Private Law applications, with particular interest in intractable disputes, involving Rule 16.4 Guardians. She deals with complex child arrangements applications involving serious domestic abuse, complicated psychological evidence and relocation of children.

Notable Cases

[P \(Sexual Abuse: Finding of Fact Hearing\) \[2019\] EWFC 27 \(01 May 2019\)](#)

[Re W \(A Child\) \(Inflicted Injury\) \(Delay\) \[2024\] EWCA Civ 418](#)

[Birmingham City Council v M & Ors \[2023\] EWHC 3312 \(Fam\) \(12 December 2023\)](#)

[Birmingham City Council v Mother & Ors \[2022\] EWFC 125 \(10 August 2022\)](#)

[Re ABC \(Children: Overlaying Child\) \[2020\] EWFC 57](#)

[Re CTD \(A Child: Rehearing\) \[2020\] EWCA Civ 1316](#)

[A Local Authority v AB and Others \[2019\] EWFC 75](#)

[RE \(1\) K \(2\) T \(3\) U \(Placement of children with kinship carers abroad\) sub nom Birmingham City Council v \(1\) W \(2\) Q \(3\) K, T and U \(by their children's guardian\) \(2019\) EWFC 59](#)

[Leicestershire County Council v AB \(by her Litigation Friend, The Official Solicitor\), CD, EF, GH \(Children Through Their Children's Guardian\), IJ v KL \[2018\] EWFC 58](#)

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Re X (a child) No. 2 [2016] EWFC 55 (11 November 2016)

Re X (a child) [2016] EWFC 54 (8 November 2016)

Re T (A Child: fact finding) [2014] EWFC B115

Re W (A Child) (Proportionality of Interim Care Order) [2014] EWCA Civ 772, [2014] 3 F.C.R. 339, [2014] Fam. Law 1235

Re M (A Child) (Care and Placement Orders: Guardian's Evidence) [2014] EWCA Civ 226, [2015] 1 F.C.R. 359, [2014] Fam. Law 776

RE B (A Child) (Medical Treatment) [2008] EWHC 1996 (Fam) [2009] 1 F.L.R. 1264 | [2009] LS Law Medical 214, [2009] Fam. Law 397

Re: B (A Minor) [2009] 1 FLR 1264; [2009] LS Law Medical 214

Awards



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Accreditations

- Leonard Sainer Legal Education Foundation Award Scholar

Memberships

- A-Law: UK Centre for Animal Law
- Family Law Bar Association
- West Midlands Bar Association
- Association of Lawyers for Children
- Resolution
- Midland Circuit

Appointments

- Member of the Development Board of the Institute of Advanced Study at Durham University.
- Honorary Professor of Law at the University of Winchester.
- Qualified Mental Health First Aider (MHFA England)

Qualifications

- LL.B (Hons.) (Dunelm) Trevelyan College, Durham University: 2(i)
- Bar Vocational Course Inns of Court School of Law: Very Competent

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