

Mark Jones

Call: 2019



Mark Jones practices in all aspect of family law. He joined No5 Chambers as a tenant in October 2021, following successful completion of his pupillage under the tutelage of Richard Hadley.

In public law proceedings, Mark is regularly instructed by local authorities, parents and guardians. He is instructed at all stages of proceedings from contested removal hearings (including applications for ex parte emergency protection orders and interim care orders) through to final hearings. Mark has also been instructed on behalf of local authorities and parents in cases involving deprivation of liberty orders and secure accommodation orders.

In addition to his public law practice, Mark has developed an extensive private law practice. He is regularly instructed on behalf of parents in cases involving allegations of serious domestic violence, sexual abuse, causing significant harm to children and parental alienation. During his time at No5 he has acted in numerous multi-day fact-finding hearings and final hearings. Mark has also accepted instructions in matters heard in the High Court.

Mark also receives instructions in Family Law Act proceedings, regularly representing applicants and respondents at all stages of proceedings including contested final hearings.

Mark has also received instructions in financial remedy proceedings. This has included providing written advice and representation at preliminary hearings.

Mark is currently the Secretary of the West Midlands Family Law Bar Association. Through this position, Mark acts as a liaison between the membership (consisting of 220 barristers) and the local judiciary.

Prior to joining No5, Mark worked for the University of Law, delivering talks at many of the UK's top universities regarding the Bar Professional Training Course.

Expertise

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Family

Mark has written and spoken extensively deprivation of liberty safeguards. This has included;

- peaking at No5 annual seminar.
- Authoring a LexisNexis Practice Note.
- Providing a written report in excess of 15 pages to a local authority regarding their ongoing practice and placement of children.

Adoption

Mark recently represented a father within care proceedings where the local authority's plan was one of adoption. The local authority were supported by the children's guardian, but opposed by both the mother and father. After a four day trial, the Court declined to make a placement order and instead endorsed a plan of long term foster care with ongoing fortnightly contact with the father.

Qualifications

- BPC (with LLM), University of Law, Birmingham (2018 – 2019).
- Law LLB, University of Birmingham (2015 – 2018).

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