

Philippa Parry-Jones

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Philippa Parry-Jones is a conscientious barrister, with a busy practise in private and public children matters. Philippa has been commended for showing confidence and poise beyond her experience and for having a clear grasp of complex areas of law, with excellent client care and advocacy skills.

Philippa is known for her client focussed approach, ensuring that clients feel heard and their views are being accurately and robustly represented, employing a calm, yet firm demeanour that quickly puts clients at ease. Philippa routinely represents vulnerable clients, demonstrating a compassionate approach and effective communication, ensuring clients with learning disabilities, or mental health difficulties are able to understand the issues and fully present their case. Philippa has been commended by intermediaries instructed to assist her clients for her effective and thorough approach, whilst ensuring clients are spoken to in simple language or in creative ways they are able to engage with to ensure they understand even complex legal issues.

Philippa has advised on and appeared in various appeals, before all Courts, up to and including the Court of Appeal.

Expertise

Public Law

Philippa regularly represents a range of Local Authorities, parents, children's guardians and is instructed directly by the subject young person. Philippa's practice encompasses cases involving chronic neglect, domestic abuse, mental health difficulties, non-accidental injury and children having suffered brain damage.

With a breadth of experience, Philippa has adeptly navigated cases involving international placements, managing immigration and logistical challenges alongside the intricacies of adoption and mirror orders across various jurisdictions. She frequently undertakes instructions in complex care proceedings transferred to the High Court, and matters listed under the inherent jurisdiction. Philippa's portfolio includes multi-local authority cases addressing concerns such as trafficking, sexual abuse, FGM, CSE and modern slavery, where she has effectively engaged with governmental bodies, embassies, and the National Referral Mechanism.

Philippa has a track record of achieving favourable outcomes for her clients, including successfully reuniting a parent with her child,

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following concerns around trafficking, sexual abuse and dishonesty, navigating complex legal and governmental frameworks, including involvement from the Home Office. The child was returned to their parents' care, following months in foster care, with threshold being greatly reduced and ultimately agreed between parties.

Philippa is experienced within the National DoL Court, now the National DoL list, and regularly assists with applications under the inherent jurisdiction and advises on where such applications intersect with the Court of Protection.

Notable Cases

N (Children) (Interim Care), Re | [2020] EWCA Civ 1003

AK (A Child) (Fact Finding) [2021] EWFC B73

Private Children Law

Philippa accepts instructions in private law matters, including international relocation, abduction and has a keen interest in parental alienation, haven given seminars on the topic.

Philippa's dedication to ensuring her approach to clients is evidence based, is evident through her participation in courses on trauma-informed practice, from the perspective of both parents and children. Philippa continued professional development includes seminars held by a psychologists, specifically around children living with complex PTSD, the daily challenges that they can face and how PTSD can manifest, including potential triggers. Philippa therefore has a greater understanding around how best to approach clients who have been through traumatic experiences or been victims of domestic abuse, with focus around getting obtaining the best for their case, without re-traumatising them during difficult proceedings.

Notable Cases

Adoption

Philippa's practice extends beyond the care proceedings process. She acts in adoption proceedings, seeing care proceedings right through to conclusion of adoption, including where the child will ultimately be residing abroad.

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A & N, Re (Children - Leave to Oppose Adoption) [2020] EWFC B8

Memberships

- Gray's Inn
- Family Law Bar Association
- Association of Lawyers for Children

Qualifications

- BPTC (Cardiff University) – Outstanding
- LLB(Hons) (Buckingham University) – 2:1

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