

Rebekah Wilson

Call: 1998

"Rebekah is not afraid to put forward complex issues or points of law. She is approachable, easy to work with and very good at identifying human rights issues in children proceedings."

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Rebekah Wilson is a highly experienced practitioner, who specialises in the law relating to children and human rights.

Rebekah acts in factually and legally complex cases for all parties in public law and private law proceedings (securing residence orders, contact orders, prohibited steps and orders involving removal from the jurisdiction). Rebekah has appeared in many significant reported cases in both public and private children's law, involving highly complex legal and factual issues including; deprivation of liberty, habitual residence, allegations of inflicted injuries to children, allegations of fabricated and induced illnesses, breaches of the Human Rights Act where she has successfully secured damages, domestic abuse and discrimination.

Rebekah is part of a Council of Europe network of specialist lawyers on violence against women
<https://www.coe.int/en/web/istanbul-convention/network-of-specialised-lawyers-and-ngos>

Rebekah has a great deal of international experience and is on the approved list of Counsel for the International Criminal Court where she is not has worked for parties in matters before the court, <https://www.icc-cpi.int/about/registry/list-of-counsel>

Expertise

Family

Rebekah is an extremely experienced advocate in all areas of family law. She has particular expertise in any case engaging the rights of children. She regularly practices in complex private law cases involving; contact arrangements, lives with orders, warship and abduction. She regular appears in all levels of court in public law cases involving the most complex issues including fabricated and induced illnesses and allegations of non accidental injury.

Rebekah is also an experienced Court of Protection practitioner, particularly inc cases involving: of deprivation of liberty, non consensual marriage, medical treatment and best interests decisions for young adults.

An experienced discrimination and human rights lawyer, Rebekah is an able and extremely effective advocate.

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Notable Cases

London Borough Waltham Forest and GA, 2022 EWFC 208 (8 July 2022)

Rebekah Wilson was lead by Mark Twomey KC acting for the mother in this significant and complex case involving allegations that the Respondent Mother had sought to smother her baby. The judgement sets out the importance of resources and time for courts to test primary evidence and concluded, "The mother and father had to wait for 3 years before F was born to them: he was a much desired, cherished child viewed, as both parents indicated and his name reflects, as a gift from God;.....F comes from an exceptionally loving and supportive family. It is time for him to be returned to them."

Z and C 2022 EWFC 207 (1st September 2022)

Rebekah acted for a mother who was accused of significant harm to her baby, by way of fractures. The case involved consideration of the suicide note of the grandfather, who had assumed responsibility before taking his own life by way of a note. The judge did not make the findings sought against the mother.

X, T, A, E and S (Children), Re [2020] EWCA Civ 1680 (11 December 2020)

Rebekah Wilson appeared for the appellant in this complex case which has now been before the Court of Appeal for the second time in the course of fact-finding proceedings. Rebekah appealed a number of the Judge's findings in a case concerning non-accidental injury. The Court of Appeal allowed the appeal in full and set aside those findings.

London Borough of Southwark v A Family [2020] EWHC 3117 (Fam) (18 May 2020)

Rebekah was instructed as junior counsel for the father in an unprecedented 3rd fact-finding hearing involving the circumstances of a 10 year olds death. The hearing was the first case to continue on a virtual platform during covid.

H-B-S (Children: Discharge of Interim Care Order) [2020] EWCA Civ 1027 (03 August 2020)

Rebekah Wilson represented the respondent's mother in this appeal. The decision under appeal was the discharge of interim care orders during a part-heard fact-finding hearing. Injuries were caused to child T, who was not a child of the Mother, but the Mother was in the pool of perpetrators for causing the injury. The Court was of the view that in the instant case, the Judge was not in a position to assess the risk of returning the children home and did not attempt to do so in the short ex-tempore judgement. While the Judge carefully considered the detailed arguments put by the Mother, the Court of Appeal found that the Judge could not properly carry out a balancing exercise without a court determination on the cause of T's injuries.

A (A Child) [2018] EWCA Civ 2240 (16 October 2018)

Rebekah was led by Mark Twomey QC in this groundbreaking and successful appeal from HHJ Karp involving the natural family and identity rights of a young child ultimately placed with family in Ghana. This is a significant case about the importance of Article 8 identity rights.

K v T [2021] EWHC 1525 Fam

Rebekah acted in an important habitual residence case in the high court involving allegations of rape and domestic abuse.

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AB (A Child: human rights) 2021 EWFC

For anyone concerned with the human rights of children AB (A Child: human rights) 2021 EWFC B100 is an essential read. The case concerned a 12-year-old boy, AB, who was placed under interim public law orders in foster care and then care homes run by Horizons Care Ltd. For several months, whilst awaiting a final hearing, AB had had his liberty restricted in a residential unit called Mill Cottage, in breach of his Article 5 rights.

In AB Judge Dias QC stated (at para 3):

“Between November 2020 and March 2021, AB was confined in the residential unit without lawful authority. The deprivation [of] this child's liberty was unlawful. That is the crux of the problem in this case. Regrettably, it is not the only one.”

Awards



Accreditations

- Jules Thorn Scholar Middle Temple

Qualifications

- LLB (hons)
- LLM (Human Rights Law)

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