

Simon Worlock

Call: 2001



Simon Worlock has expertise and experience in the following areas: Business & Property, Crime, Family.

Expertise

Business & Property

Simon practices the following areas:

Agriculture & Rural Affairs

Simon Worlock (2001) (1975) has been an active member of chambers since November 2001 and works extensively as a general criminal practitioner, including regulatory crime. As a former partner in R Gwynne and Sons of Shropshire (now MFG Solicitors) a firm with an extensive agricultural practice, he has represented a wide variety of business proprietors in regulatory proceedings including factory owners butchers, hotel proprietors and builders. He has frequently represented farmers and has a particular interest in farming, cases involving prosecutions relating to:

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- the transfer of animals,
- smell and noise pollution

He has frequently worked with expert witnesses including veterinary surgeons and pollution and accident reconstruction experts. He is a meticulous preparer and presenter of cases with close attention to client care and the pressures of normal business practice.

As an advocate he frequently appeared in Magistrates and Higher Courts in the West Midlands (mostly in Shropshire) for over 25 years dealing with a wide range of general and regulatory crime including:

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Crime

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Family

Simon Worlock (2001) (1975) has been an active member of chambers since November 2001. Prior to joining chambers he had more than 25 years experience as a solicitor in private practice and enjoyed an extensive childcare practice in all levels of courts . He is a meticulous preparer and presenter of cases with close attention to careful client care which is a priority to him.

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He was a founder member of the Law Society Childcare Panel. He has vast experience in acting for parents, children and local authorities and also working with Guardians since their inception.

He has experience in all aspects of Public Law Children Act cases including long contested care proceedings, S 38(6) applications, S 34(4) applications, fact finding hearings (including NAI) and final hearings. He has particular interest in cases involving injuries to children, particularly babies and sexual abuse cases and he has acted extensively in such cases over many years.

While Simon is entirely committed to the safety of children he feels particularly strongly that, however hopeless the case may at first appear, parents have a right to the most careful representation.

In private law he frequently represents parents in S.8 proceedings. He also represents children in complex cases when instructed by NYAS.

Notable Cases

G (A Child – Intractable Contact)[2013] EWHC B16 (Fam)

H v G

Sept 2010 NYAS representation of child

Shropshire CC v M and C

Sept 2010 Contested finding of fact. 3 days on sexual abuse

Shropshire CC v R and B

Oct 2010 Contested finding of fact. 4 days on NAI

Hereford DC v B and S

Nov 2010 3 day contested care by teenage parents Care order made

Dec 2010 – Appeal against findings of fact by Redditch FPC Re O

Hereford DC v B and S

Dec 2010 Appeal refused

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Hereford DC v SL

Dec 2010 Justices remove child after fought ICO. Appeal advised and prepared. Appeal allowed

Memberships

- Middle Temple
- Midland Circuit

Notable Cases

Leatherland and Pritchard v Powys County Council [2007] EWHC 148 (Admin)

successful case stated against decision of Justices after prosecution wrongly destroyed evidence, abuse of process, exclusion of unfair evidence, S 78 PACE Trading Standards. Officers are now obliged to comply with CPIA Code of Practice.

Trading Standards v Raymond Bower : (Cardiff Crown Court)

Identification of animals

Trading Standards v David Holmes: (March 2009 Derby Crown Court)

Transfer of animals

Powys County Council v Stephen Jones (2011)

Trading Standards destroy evidence they later seek to rely on. Abuse of Process argued: Leatherland and Pritchard argument conceded.

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