



Ann Osborne

YEAR OF CALL: 2016 | QUALIFIED AS SOLICITOR 2006



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FAMILY LAW

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In relation to public law children work, Ann has experience representing parents, grandparents, Children Guardians, foster carers and other interested parties. Ann is instructed in cases involving physical and emotional abuse, neglect, substance abuse, domestic violence, mental health issues and fabricated illness.

Her experience in private law children work includes disputed contact matters, residence, parental

responsibility, change of name along with leave to remove from the jurisdiction matters.

Ann also deals with adoption, special guardianship and abduction matters.

She is eligible to accept work from members of the public on a Public Access basis.

NOTABLE CASES

Representing a young person in care proceedings applying as intervenor to secure the placement of younger siblings in their care, secured placement of sibling in the care of the young person.

Representing a father in care proceedings accused of domestic violence and of administering alcohol to his young child, securing placement of the child with the father.

Representing a father in care proceedings accused of serious domestic violence and rough handling of a child, securing placement of the child with the father.

Representing a young father in care proceedings, securing placement of the child with the father.

Representing a mother in a complex medical case involving alleged fabricated illness in children (ongoing).

Representing the children through their guardian in care proceedings following lengthy social services involvement, securing the continued placement of the children with their parents.

Representing a mother on a pro bono basis to secure the return of her young child from a non-Hague country, securing declaration of the child as a ward of the Court enabling the return of the child to the mother.

Representing a father in long running private law proceedings involving a respondent with a pervasive personality disorder, securing variation to the Child Arrangements Order in favour of the father.

Representing the applicant in fact finding concerning serious domestic violence, securing findings on all allegations upon which findings were sought.

Representing a wife in transfer of tenancy proceedings, securing the transfer of tenancy in her favour.

PRO BONO WORK

Between 2007-2010, Ann volunteered as a mentor for the College of Law, supporting law students seeking to enter the legal profession.

In 2010 Ann delivered a presentation on the Equality Act to vulnerable young adults with special needs.

Ann was one of the volunteer barristers from Garden Court who has provided advice at the Southall Black Sisters clinic.

Ann is also one of six mentor barristers committed to mentoring over five years as part of Garden Court's 'Access to the Bar for All' scheme. The scheme encourages students, especially girls, from minority and disadvantaged groups to consider a career as a barrister and supports them in doing so through paid work experience over a number of years and living expenses at university if they study law.

COURT OF PROTECTION

Ann has a long-standing family law background and is used to dealing with complex cases involving issues including mental health and has an interest in dealing with cases involving fabricated illness in children.

Prior to joining the Bar in 2016, Ann practiced as a Solicitor (having qualified in 2006). As a Solicitor, although specialising in children law work, she also undertook the full range of family law work, including financial remedies and child abduction.

During Ann's training as a solicitor she completed a seat in Mental Health Law and assisted on Best Interests and Declaratory Relief work. She has accordingly maintained an interest in this type of work. Ann held Higher Rights of Audience, Resolution's Specialist Family Lawyer Accreditation and was a member of the Law Society Children Panel. Immediately before joining Garden Court Ann worked as a freelance advocate for a large legal aid firm in London.

BACKGROUND

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PUBLICATIONS

Social Welfare Update: UKSC rules it is not within the scope of parental responsibility to consent to living arrangements for a 16-17 year old which would otherwise amount to a deprivation of liberty under Article 5

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EDUCATION

- BA Hons Goldsmiths, University of London

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

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

LANGUAGES

- French (basic)

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