

JOANNE KAREN BARNETT



QUALIFICATIONS

LLB Hons (Wales)

YEAR OF CALL

1989 (21 years call)

CIRCUIT

Wales

INN

Middle Temple

PUPIL MASTER

Approved

MEMBERSHIPS

FLBA

Association of Lawyers for Children

“Her broad family practice includes cases with an international element.”

Legal 500 2014

“9 St John Street’s Joanne Barnett is singled out for childcare matters.”

Legal 500 2012

APPOINTMENTS

Legal Services Commission Review Panel Board (2000)

MEMBERSHIPS

Family Law Bar Association ; Child Concern ; Association of Lawyers for Children.

TRAINING

Undertaken CPD lectures and training for Local Authority Legal Department and Social Workers

BRIEF PRACTICE HISTORY

London (1989–1993) Swansea (1993–1999) Cardiff (1999– Door tenant 30, Park Place, Cardiff) Manchester (2011–)

PROFILE

Joanne Barnett commenced her practice in London, undertaking criminal and civil work and moved into family law with the introduction of the Children Act 1989.

She continued to practise in London and later moved to Wales where she remained until recently. She joins chambers with a wealth of knowledge and experience.

She is well respected amongst her peers and has had regular repeat instructions from solicitors with whom she has developed excellent longstanding relationships.

She provides a quality service to both solicitor and client, and believes in being available and contactable to resolve any matters of concern within a short timescale.

Conferences and prehearing planning are regularly a part of her daily schedule. These can be arranged at chambers or at the solicitors offices if preferred.

She digests and analyses facts and has a calm and organised approach to case preparation.

Joanne regularly appears in the County and High Court undertaking Child Care Proceedings, Private Client cases – section 8 applications and financial relief applications.

DIRECT ACCESS.

Joanne is also qualified to receive direct access instructions which could limit your legal costs in any given case.

AREAS OF PRACTICE.

1) Child Care/Adoption

Representation of Parents, Grandparents, Local Authority, Official Solicitor and NYAS, and Children’s Guardian on many complex cases. Undertaken perpetrator hearings: injury, bruising, baby shaking (whether underlying metabolic disorder or not), baby/child murder of one or more children, salt poisoning, factitious illness, serious sexual abuse hearings in both County and High Court. Representing either the Local Authority, parents or the child. Undertaken Local Authority care work for Swansea, Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion, Monmouthshire, Torfaen, Vale of Glamorgan, Merthyr, Rhondda Cynon Taff, Bridgend, Neath, Powys County Council and Newport County Council.(Wales). Since moving to Manchester in 2010 she has accepted instructions from Wigan Borough Council, Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council, Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council and Kirklees Council.

2) Cases with an International Element

Regularly appear in cases where an interpreter is required and cultural beliefs and values need to be respected. Applications undertaken for relocation/removal from the Jurisdiction e.g Japan, Sweden, New Zealand, Ireland, Poland, Hong Kong. Specialising in pre-hearing advice on any potential planned move/or defence of any move. Representation of multi-cultural clients and placing the case in a cultural context.



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3) Ancillary Relief

Complex, farming and business ancillary relief hearings undertaken, with foreign elements and hidden assets.

4) Private client divorce

All section 8 applications advised upon and representation provided at Court if required

5) Private adoption applications

6) Education Tribunal Work

7) Judicial Review Applications when connected with care proceedings.

CASES

- S [1996] (Split Hearings) 2 FLR 773
- *London Borough of Reddidge v Newport City Council* [2004] 2 FLR 226.
- *Re Z* [2006] (Parenting Plan: Publicity) 1 FLR 405
Re K [2009] EWCA CIV 987
- [2008] EWHC 2618 (Fam)
- *Re K* [2009] EWCA CIV 987 [junior counsel at lower court]
- *City and County of Swansea and K and AK* [2010] EWHC 1441(Fam)
- *Heddlu De Cymru South Wales Police, Swansea City Council and K* [2011] EWHC 3474 (Fam)



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