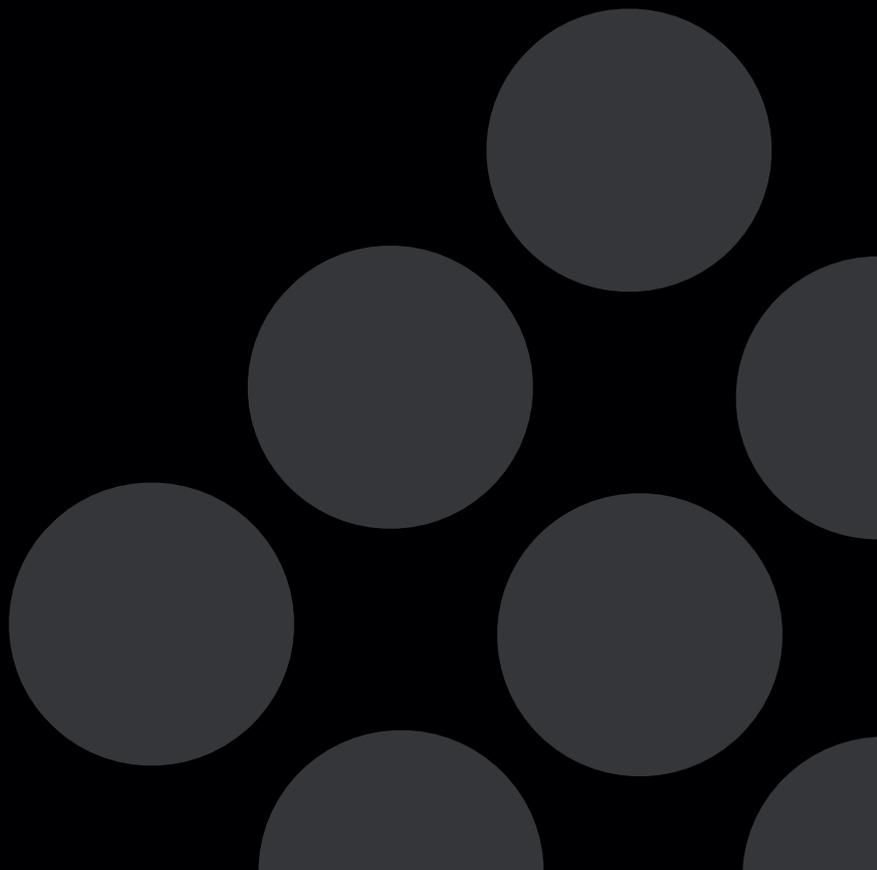


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are superb at offering alternatives”*

Legal 500 2011

Family & Mental Health

“9 St John Street’s team predominantly handles public law children care cases. A number of members are experienced in financial remedy, and this is an expanding area for chambers.”
Legal 500 2014

The Family & Mental Health Group is committed to providing a specialist and accessible service to all our clients. We offer a wealth of experience in all areas of Family and Child Care Law and related work, giving expert legal advice and representation in both the Public and Private Law jurisdictions.

We provide a comprehensive service from the earliest stage of proceedings to the House of Lords and practice in all areas of the Northern Circuit and beyond. All practitioners are members of the Family Law Bar Association and keep abreast of the latest developments in this growing legal field.

Members of the team also practise in the area of Mental Health Law. They appear for both Trusts/Authorities and Patients in the Court of Protection and before the Mental Health Review Tribunal.

The work undertaken includes:

- Adoption
- Ancillary Relief
- Appeals
- Care Proceedings
- Child Abduction
- Cohabitee’s Property Disputes
- Community Care
- Contact and Residence
- Disclosure
- Divorce, Nullity and Judicial Separation
- Domestic Violence and Applications under the Family Law Act 1996
- Inherent Jurisdiction of the High Court
- Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975
- Injunctions
- Judicial Review

- Mental Health
- Parental Responsibility Applications
- Paternity Disputes
- Property and Financial Provision
- Public Interest Immunity
- Wardship

Chambers has recently been refurbished and offers impressive and extensive conference and seminar facilities (including state of the art video conferencing).

The Family & Mental Health Group accept instructions on behalf of Local Authorities, Police Authorities, NHS Trusts, parents and other family members, children/Guardians and the Official Solicitor.

The members of the Group pride themselves not only on their high professional standards but also on their accessibility and approachability. The Group embodies a teamwork approach and strives to ensure continuity of Counsel for all clients/cases.

We are authorised by the Law Society to give accredited seminars for CPD purposes, and provide training for Local Authority Social Workers, the police and medics in respect of giving evidence and their role within family proceedings.



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CHRISTINE RILEY



Head of Ancillary Relief Group

YEAR OF CALL

1974, Gray's Inn

EDUCATION

Bury Grammar School
LLB, Manchester University
College of Law, Chancery Lane, London

ASSOCIATIONS

Family Law Bar Association
Child Concern

*"Well respected in all aspects
of her broad practice."
Legal 500 2014*

SPECIALIST AREAS OF PRACTICE

Ancillary Relief
Child care (public and private law)
Divorce

PRACTICE

Christine Riley has practised exclusively at the Family Bar for many years. Her practice encompasses most aspects of family law including divorce and ancillary relief, public and private child care work. She practises mainly on the Northern Circuit in the High Court and County Court but also travels further afield.

Divorce and Ancillary Relief

She has a particular interest and expertise in ancillary relief and divorce. She is instructed by Solicitors throughout the Circuit and beyond in big/medium ancillary relief claims.

Public Law

She has extensive experience in child care work and regularly acts for Guardians, Local Authorities, parents and others. She acts in cases of physical and sexual abuse, neglect and cases involving parents with learning difficulties and mental health difficulties.

Private Law

Her experience in private child care work is considerable. As well as residence and contact disputes she acts in emergency proceedings, including child abduction cases.

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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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GRAHAM BAILEY



YEAR OF CALL
1993, Inner Temple

EDUCATION
LL.B (Hons) Brunel University

“Recommended for his particular expertise in cases involving non-accidental injuries to children.”

Legal 500 2015

“A specialist in heavyweight financial remedy cases.”

Legal 500 2014

“Recommended.”

Legal 500 2012

“Graham Bailey handles complex financial matters and is particularly recommended for cases where assets are held overseas.”

Legal 500 2011

SPECIALIST AREAS OF PRACTICE

Family Law

PRACTICE

Mr. Bailey is a family law specialist with a substantial breadth of experience in both child and matrimonial cases. He is well recognised for excellence in written and oral advocacy.

Mr. Bailey has developed particular expertise in complex and serious public law proceedings and is increasingly instructed by local authorities in cases involving technical expert evidence, serious sexual and ritual abuse (historic and recent) and cases with an international dimension. Mr. Bailey has notably appeared over the last eighteen months in cases involving multiple fractures, serious enclosed head injury, multi-generational sex abuse and the systematic abuse of a child where capacity issues were relevant. Mr. Bailey has successfully represented both local authorities and alleged perpetrator clients.

Mr. Bailey’s matrimonial practice encompasses all forms of complex financial provision litigation and related cases, with particular emphasis on substantial assets and those with business and trust interests. He has most recently undertaken cases involving a ‘Barder’ claim; the significance of entirely inherited wealth; the complex ownership of familial

farming assets; the dissipation of substantial matrimonial assets; the innovative structure of a pension claim to maximise benefits for both parties; a short marriage case involving a claim for compensation; a set aside application based on a claim of ‘non-marriage’ overseas; and cases involving the implications of a POCA order on the distribution of matrimonial assets. Mr. Bailey frequently appears in multi-day cases and has experience of high net worth clients.

Mr. Bailey is also regularly instructed to advise on and to draft pre and post nuptial settlements.

Mr. Bailey is highly regarded for his detailed preparation and forensic approach to case presentation and cross-examination.



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SARA LEWIS



YEAR OF CALL

1996, Inner Temple

EDUCATION

MA (Hons) 2.1
Post Graduate Diploma in Law
(Distinction)
Accredited Mediator

ASSOCIATIONS

FLBA
Member of Coroners' Society of England and Wales
Regional Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine.
ARDL
Manchester and District Medico-Legal Society

"Regularly handles care cases where there are concerns over the mental wellbeing of parents."

Legal 500 2014

"9 St John Street's Sara Lewis is singled out for childcare matters."

Legal 500 2012

At 9 St John Street, Rachael Heppenstall and Sara Lewis are recommended for childcare work."

Legal 500 2011

"The mother is represented by the highest quality counsel and solicitors."

High Court Judge

"The mother has been expertly represented by Miss Lewis who has taken every sensible point that could be taken on the mother's behalf."

High Court Judge

APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Coroner City of Manchester.
Sports Resolutions Panel of Arbitrators – Chairpersons List.

SPECIALIST AREAS OF PRACTICE

Family Law

- All aspects of Child Care Law
 - All aspects of Adult Protection / Issues of Capacity
 - Private Children Law
- Regulatory and Disciplinary Law
Medico-Legal
- Mental Health
 - Inquests

PROFILE

As a result of her knowledge and experience of medical matters, Sara has established a practice which essentially has a medico legal thread. Her ability to assimilate vast amounts of technical information and medical evidence without losing sight of the key issues is well recognised. Sara is well respected for the quality of her court performance and her robust advocacy when necessary. She is a dedicated barrister who can be relied upon to proceed in a proactive manner, providing straightforward advice at every stage. Sara endeavours to build a productive working relationship with both lay and professional clients, of particular importance in long running cases. To that end she is available at short notice and out of hours to discuss matters and to provide advice.

Sara has vast experience in public law at all levels – County Court, High Court and Court of Appeal – acting for parents and guardians. She undertakes cases involving the most serious types of non-accidental injury and is regularly instructed to represent parties in cases where non accidental head injury is alleged. Sara has also has considerable experience of acting for those with complex psychiatric issues such as FII. Prior to coming to the Bar, Sara was a neuropsychologist, undertaking both clinical and research work, therefore has particular

interest and expertise in matters involving complex medical evidence, mental health issues, problems associated with addiction and cognitive impairment.

She also acts in Section 8, Children Act 1989 matters, especially those involving serious allegations, on behalf of parents, grandparents and children.

Sara is also known for her ability to engage those with complex problems and her commitment to ensuring their rights are properly recognised, indeed she remains committed to representing those who are most vulnerable.

NOTABLE CASES

- *LCC v R & W* [2013] EWHC 3064 Fam – Representing the Mother. Local Authority initially brought proceedings against both parents alleging one or both was responsible for causing a serious non accidental head injury. Both parents were completely cleared of any wrongdoing and the family was reunited.
- *Re: B and L* [2013] High Court – Represented Mother in case involving complex medical matters with thousands of pages of medical records.
- *Re: a child* (2013) High Court – Represented a grandmother in a case where the Local Authority was alleging that an infant had been subject to a non accidental head injury. Successfully established that the grandmother was not in the potential pool of perpetrators.



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“An incredibly hard working barrister who strives to do all that she can to put the best interests of her clients forward, no matter how hard the battle may be. A dedicated barrister who can be relied on for her honest and expert advice”

Solicitor

- 2012 High Court – Represented mother in extremely lengthy care proceedings. All children had been removed following allegations of inter sibling sexual abuse. A Crown Court trial resulted in a number of convictions. After intense therapeutic work the family were reunited.
- *Re P* [2011] EWHC 3144 Fam – Represented the father. The child had been removed from care of parents following allegations that the child had been subject to fabricated or induced injury. There were no findings made against either parent.
- 2010 High Court – Represented grandmother in case involving allegations of non accidental head injury. Grandmother was excluded from the potential pool of perpetrators.
- 2010 High Court – Represented mother against allegations of non-accidental head injury. After hearing complex expert evidence the Local Authority accepted that threshold could not be established and withdrew the application for a Care Order.
- *Re H* (2009) High Court – Lengthy care proceedings involving allegations of Fabricated or Induced Illness. The baby had been removed at birth but was able to return to the care of both parents, without any public law order, once it was successfully established that the mother did not pose a significant risk of harm.

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RACHAEL HEPENSTALL



YEAR OF CALL

1997, Middle Temple

APPOINTMENTS

Recorder (2016)

EDUCATION

BSc (Hons) Law & German, University of Surrey

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Middle Temple Winston Churchill Prize
1997

ASSOCIATIONS

Family Law Bar Association
Child Concern

“Has a solid reputation in all areas of public and private childcare work, with specific experience in adoption matters, factitious illness, serious injury and sexual abuse. Acts for interveners, local authorities, parents and children. ‘She is approachable, formidable when necessary, realistic with the client’s expectations and sensitive to their situation.’ ‘She has a good rapport with the clients.’”
Chambers & Partners 2016

“Equally adept in both the public and private law children spheres.”
Legal 500 2015

“She is thoroughly reliable and very sympathetic in care proceedings. Very down to earth.”
Chambers & Partners 2015

“A care specialist who is well regarded by local authorities and solicitors alike.”
Legal 500 2014

SPECIALIST AREAS OF PRACTICE

All aspects of Child Care and Adoption Law; Special Guardianship

PRACTICE

Rachael completed a specialist family pupillage and practiced on the North Eastern Circuit until joining 9 St John Street in December 2000. A care and adoption specialist, she focuses on cases involving non-accidental injury and significant abuse.

She acts for local authorities, parents/interveners (in particular vulnerable adults, including those with significant learning difficulties and mental health issues), children (including those who are able to give their instructions directly rather than via a children’s guardian), and the Official Solicitor.

Rachael has appeared at all levels up to and including the Court of Appeal. She has considerable experience in cases involving serious non-accidental injury and complex medical evidence (including shaken baby), sexual assault, factitious illness disorder, and immigration/jurisdictional issues.

In private law proceedings Rachael acts for local authorities, parents and special guardians in applications for special guardianship orders.

She is also instructed on behalf of Police Authorities/Local Authorities and NHS Trusts in disclosure and public interest immunity applications in both the family and criminal jurisdictions.

Rachael is regularly involved in advising in cases pre-proceedings and takes a hands-on approach to the conduct of cases throughout the life of the court proceedings.

Rachael has been and continues to be involved in accredited training for Solicitors and Local Authorities.

NOTABLE CASES

- *Greater Manchester Chief Constable v KI & Anor (Children) & Ors* [2007] EWHC 1837 (Fam)
- *Re K (Children: Care and Placement)* [2015] EWFC B117

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JANE MABON



YEAR OF CALL
1998, Gray's Inn

EDUCATION
LLB (Hons), University of Birmingham

ASSOCIATIONS
Family Law Bar Association
Personal Injury Bar Association

SPECIALIST AREAS OF PRACTICE

Family
Personal Injury and Travel Law

PROFILE

Children

Jane Mabon is a private family law specialist. She is routinely instructed in complex and often protracted contact and residence disputes acting for parents, children, step-parents, grandparents and other extended family members. Her approachability and ability to handle clients of many different types has proved invaluable over the 15 years during which she has developed her practice in this area.

Jane is regularly instructed in cases involving allegations of physical, sexual and emotional abuse, many necessitating the instruction of expert witnesses and/or the involvement of specialist contact agencies. She is highly experienced in cases involving the reintroduction of contact after a long period of time and cases involving Rule 16.4 Guardians.

Jane is a skillful negotiator and prides herself on her ability to assist parents in reaching an agreed outcome wherever possible. However, where a contested hearing is required Jane is a strong and confident advocate who will forcefully argue the case for her client.

In addition to contact and residence matters Jane accepts instructions in all applications under the Children Act 1989 ranging from enforcement orders to Schedule 1 applications for financial provision. She has recently been involved in a number of applications for specific issue orders involving disputes over a child's education, religious education and removal from the jurisdiction.

Matrimonial and Finance

In addition to her private law practice, Jane has developed a significant ancillary relief practice. She is instructed from the preliminary stages (conferences and advisory work, FDAs,) through to and including final hearings. She accepts instructions on both a private and legally aided basis therefore covering cases involving assets of a fairly modest value to the more substantial.

Her experience includes cases involving inherited assets, allegations of conduct and dissipation of assets, overseas assets and trusts. She has recently been involved in a number of cases involving section 37 applications and/or interveners and has been instructed by both the parties to the marriage and the intervener.

Jane adopts a practical and measured approach to financial cases. Her professional yet down to earth attitude is appealing to both clients and solicitors alike.

In addition Jane accepts instructions in respect of all applications under the Family Law Acts ranging from the more commonplace (non-molestation orders, occupation orders) to the less so (declarations of parentage).



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CHRISTINA CHINNOCK



YEAR OF CALL
1998 – Middle Temple

ASSOCIATIONS
Family Law Bar Association

PRACTICE

Christina Chinnock has developed a busy practice in the area of Family Law with experience at all levels up to and including The Court of Appeal.

Her practice includes all areas of Child Law both in Public and Private Law proceedings as well as Adoption and Child Abduction cases.

Christina also deals with financial matters including ancillary relief and all applications under the Family Law Act enforcement proceedings.

PUBLIC LAW

Her cases have included instructions on behalf of parents, Local Authorities and Guardians. She is regularly instructed on cases that involve non-accidental injury. Christina has been involved in cases that have required interpreters, including Bangladeshi, Polish and Chinese and has represented a profoundly deaf mother where the services of signers had been necessary.

PRIVATE LAW

As well as representing parents on issues of contact and residence, Christina's private law practice involves cases where children have needed representation. She has dealt with cases that have involved foreign jurisdiction, an example of which involved representing the mother, who was of French nationality and residing in the UK, but seeking to return to her native country where the father was an Iraqi national and practising Muslim. The specific issues addressed included the children's consumption of Halal meat and circumcision.

FINANCIAL AND ANCILLARY RELIEF

Christina has extensive experience of dealing with a broad range of cases involving assets of varying value. A recent case, whereby conduct was an issue, involved a husband who was sentenced to a term of imprisonment for sexual offences against local children. In addition,

Christina enjoys cases where pre-nuptial agreements have caused an issue.

NOTABLE CASES

- *Re MW* (Case management) [2010] 1 FLR 1093

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Christina is qualified and accredited by The Bar Council to take instructions from members of the public.

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DAWN M THOMAS



YEAR OF CALL

2001, Lincolns Inn

EDUCATION

LLB (Hons) Sheffield City Polytechnic

LL.M University of Central Lancashire

AWARDS

Droop Scholarship Award, Lincoln's Inn,
2001

ASSOCIATIONS

Family Law Bar Association

"Strong in childcare proceedings."
Legal 500 2014

SPECIALIST AREAS OF PRACTICE

Public Children

Private Children

Family Law Act 1996 proceedings

PRACTICE

Miss Thomas was called to the Bar as a mature student and has practised almost exclusively in family law since completing pupillage in 2003. Her experience has mainly been gained representing parents and family members in both Public and Private Child Law proceedings. Her practice involves appearing in the Family Proceedings Court, County Court and the High Court.

In Public Child Law matters Miss Thomas is usually instructed to represent parents or family members in Child Care and Adoption proceedings.

In Private Child Law matters Miss Thomas is familiar with the full range of Section 8, Children Act 1989 applications including Specific Issue and Prohibited Steps applications dealing with such matters as Change of Name and Removal from the Jurisdiction.

Family Law Act 1996 proceedings also fall within Miss Thomas' field of practice and she is experienced in dealing with Non-Molestation applications, Committal Proceedings and Occupation Orders.

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CAROLINE R CURRY



YEAR OF CALL

2003

EDUCATION

LLB, King's College, London
BVC, Inns of Court School of Law,
London
MSc, University of Chester (Caroline
is in the process of completing MSc,
Psychology Masters of Science)

ASSOCIATIONS

Family Law Bar Association

SPECIALIST AREA

Family

CHILDREN

Caroline Curry is a private family law specialist. She is regularly instructed in residence and contact disputes involving allegations of physical, sexual and emotional harm. She has also represented parties in prohibited steps and specific issue applications, including removal from the jurisdiction and change of name applications.

MATRIMONIAL AND FINANCE

From completing a specialist ancillary relief pupillage Caroline has developed a significant ancillary relief practice advising and representing clients on applications for financial provision upon the breakdown of marriage and civil partnerships. She is instructed from the preliminary stages (conference and advisory work, FDRs,) through to and including final hearings.

In terms of Family Law Act 1996 applications, Caroline has experience of non-molestation and occupation orders.

Caroline prides herself on thorough preparation and full understanding of the factual and legal issues involved to ensure professional and competent advice and representation. Caroline is approachable and has good client care skills, particularly with anxious or vulnerable clients, which ensures that clients feel 'heard' and can be confident that their position is understood and advocated. She is a skilful negotiator and will assist clients, where appropriate, to reach an agreed settlement.

In addition to her practice, Caroline is currently undertaking a Postgraduate Masters in Psychology to ensure continued professional development.



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RACHAEL LEWIS



YEAR OF CALL

2006, Middle Temple

EDUCATION

LLB, University of Liverpool
Awarded the Child Law Prize, the Weightman's Prize for Law of Tort, the Margaret Bryce Smith Undergraduate Scholarship and the Maxwell Hodge Prize for Medical Law

SCHOLARSHIPS

Queen Mother Scholarship, Middle Temple, 2005
Baron Dr Ver Heyden de Lancey Prize, Middle Temple, 2006

MEMBERSHIPS

Family Law Bar Association
Personal Injuries Bar Association

"recommended as a very promising junior for Children Act matters"
Legal 500 2013

PROFILE

Rachael accepts instructions on all areas of family law.

Rachael regularly appears in Children Act proceedings in both the Family Proceedings Court and County Court. Her public law practice has focused on representation of parents and grandparents at all stages of care proceedings including first appointments, reviews, findings of fact, applications for emergency protection orders, interim contested hearings and final hearings. She is keen to develop her practice to include representation of local authorities and children. The cases she has been involved in have raised issues such as domestic violence, sexual abuse, drug abuse, neglect and non-accidental injury.

In private law matters Rachael has experience of residence and contact applications particularly where there are elements of domestic violence or welfare concerns. She has also acted in prohibited steps and specific issue applications, including removal from the jurisdiction and change of name applications.

Rachael also has an interest in financial disputes upon relationship breakdown. She has advised in ancillary relief applications, as well as appearing at first appointments, FDRs and final hearings. She has also acted in TOLATA disputes and claims under the Inheritance Act 1975 and can advise and draft pleadings in these areas.

In terms of Family Law Act 1996 applications, Rachael has experience of both non-molestation and occupation order applications. She has represented clients in ex parte applications as well as final hearings.

From her civil litigation knowledge Rachael has developed a good understanding of enforcement proceedings following on from ancillary relief orders and has acted and advised in charging order and attachment of earnings

applications. She has also advised on enforcing foreign orders within the UK. Rachael has acted for fathers where enforcement applications have been brought by the Child Support Agency. Within Children Act proceedings, she has experience of enforcement of contact orders under the Children Act, as well as committal proceedings.

Rachael prides herself on thorough preparation and ensuring a full understanding of the factual and legal issues involved. She has been noted to have good client care skills, particularly with anxious or vulnerable clients.

Prior to joining 9 St John Street, Rachael was a member of Kenworthy's Chambers. She has previously presented CPD accredited training to Solicitors, which is something she is keen to continue.



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EMMA GREENHALGH



YEAR OF CALL

2010 Middle Temple

EDUCATION

LLB (Hons) 2.1 – Nottingham Law School, Nottingham Trent University

MEMBERSHIPS

Child Concern – Committee Member,
Family Law Bar Association – Regional
Committee Member

“Up-and-coming advocate with a particular focus in public law Children Act matters. Represents children, parents and local authorities in a range of issues. ‘She has a good practice and is well respected.’ ‘She is always really helpful and really thorough with advice to the client.’”

Chambers & Partners 2016

“She is exceptionally well prepared and insightful, with good client care skills and an ability to argue her points effectively.” “She is a rising star in that set of chambers.”

Chambers & Partners 2015

PROFILE

Emma Greenhalgh joined chambers following successful completion of pupillage under the supervision of Rachael Heppenstall. Prior to this Emma qualified as a Solicitor during which time she gained a variety of experience in all aspects of family law with a leading high street practice based in the Northwest. Since coming to the Bar Emma has developed her knowledge and expanded her experience in public law children proceedings; private law children proceedings; ancillary relief and TOLATA proceedings and Family Law 1996 matters.

Emma undertakes all forms of hearings from the first appointment through to contested final hearings. She represents clients in front of all tribunals within the family court from Magistrates level to High Court Judges.

In private law proceedings Emma has been involved in several complicated cases such as fact finding cases and cases with jurisdictional issues. She regularly acts in cases involving Rule 16.4 Guardians.

Emma is keen to expand upon her ancillary relief practice and has been involved in several cases with overseas assets and trust elements. She acts at FDA and FDR hearings together with final hearings.

In public law proceedings she acts for a number of local authorities and also represents parents, children, grandparents and interveners. She regularly acts in complex cases involving allegations of sexual, physical and emotional abuse. Emma has a particular interest in non-accidental injury cases and enjoys the forensic medical and evidential elements. Emma also regularly acts for vulnerable clients and is known for her ability and understanding to work with clients who suffer from learning difficulties to that end she has been involved in several cases where the Official Solicitor has been involved. Further, Emma has been instructed by both local authorities and parents

in cases where a mother has been incarcerated at the time of birth.

Emma acts for police authorities and local authorities in disclosure and public interest immunity applications in both the criminal and family jurisdictions.

She prides herself on thorough preparation and a down to earth approach. She has the ability to analyse the factual and legal issues concisely and adopts a professional and robust attitude. Emma is approachable and is happy to provide ongoing advice to clients and Solicitors both prior to and during proceedings.

TRAINING

Emma provides training to both Social Workers and legal professionals. She is repeatedly invited to speak at local law society/legal events and seminars. Together with Miss Heppenstall, she has recently provided training to Greater Manchester Police Authority.

RECENT NOTABLE CASES

- Represented a local authority as junior counsel in the high court in a complex multi issue adoption placement breakdown. This case involved allegations of sexual, physical and emotional abuse;
- Represented a local authority as junior counsel in judicial review proceedings relating to the issue of payments for special guardians
- Represented a mother in public law proceedings who had killed the children's father;
- Represented a father in private law proceedings who faced 30 separate allegations of physical, sexual and emotional abuse. None of the allegations were found by the court;
- Represented a mother in a complex FII case;



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- Represented a father in a 10 day fact finding hearing in the high court. This case involved a child who had sustained recent and historic injuries;
- Represented a 14 year old child during a 10 day fact finding case during which the child gave evidence twice;
- Represented a mother who was incarcerated at the time the child was born. Emma attended contested interim and final hearings which resulted in the baby being cared for by her mother.



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MATTHEW ENTWISTLE



YEAR OF CALL

2011 Lincoln's Inn (Former Solicitor 2000)

QUALIFICATIONS

Diploma in Legal Practice, 1999.
BA (Hons) Law & Business, 1996.

ASSOCIATIONS

Family Law Bar Association
Child Concern

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Family Law

APPOINTMENTS

2015 – Fee Paid Deputy District Judge
(Northern Circuit)

PROFILE

Matthew was called to the Bar in July 2011 following eleven successful years as a solicitor dealing with family law matters. Throughout those years, he has dealt with both complex public and private family law proceedings on behalf of children, parents and local authorities. He prides himself on his ability to communicate honestly and effectively with clients with empathy and sensitivity regarding their case. He provides excellent feedback to those who instruct him.

Matthew has a considerable knowledge of a huge range of public child care issues and has dealt with a wide range of cases as a barrister and at a senior level within the local authority and private practice. This allows him to assist applicant local authorities and have a good understanding of the challenges and complexities of local authority work. He has an excellent insight into the advice and assistance parents require whilst dealing with both public and private Children Act proceedings. As a barrister and solicitor Matthew has represented children in difficult cases. He has advised and represented Children's Guardians in a wide range of child care applications including when guardians are appointed under Rule 16.4.

Matthew has been commended on occasions for the manner in which he has acted for clients. In 2005 he was complimented in a High Court judgment for the manner in which he had assisted and advised a parent with significant learning disabilities in what was a very difficult public childcare case. In 2009 he was again commended for his work in a case involving a disabled child with a limited life expectancy. In 2010 Matthew was nominated

for Manchester City Council's unsung hero award for his efforts within the child care team.

EXPERIENCE

Whilst at the Bar, Matthew has provided specialised legal advice in all areas of family law. He has dealt with complex public and private child care cases in the High Court and Family Court. He has experience in contested adoption and placement matters, secure order applications, special guardianship and fostering, emergency protection orders and cases involving factitious induced illness. Matthew has undertaken a number of complex finding of fact hearings relating to sexual abuse and physical injury on behalf of local authorities, parents and children. He has experience of acting on behalf of the Official Solicitor and considerable understanding when dealing with cases involving those suffering from mental ill health or who have learning difficulties.

He is developing his ancillary relief practice and has acted in a number of FDA and FDR hearings together with final hearings and interlocutory matters.

Matthew has provided training and advice regarding the writing of local authority policies, guidance documents (for example around specialist social work assessments) and drafting agreements regarding inter agency working. He continues to provide legal advice to Local Authorities on policy writing including for example special guardianship and residence order allowances policies.

Matthew was one of the Principal Solicitors at Manchester City Council before joining the Bar. Prior to this, Matthew was the Managing Solicitor at Tranters Family Law Practice during which time he was a member of the Law Society's Children's Panel.



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Matthew has dealt with general civil legal matters such as personal injury and consumer disputes.

TRAINING

Matthew provides regular training to social workers and legal professionals, providing legal updates and training in court skills. He works with Kim Doyle (KD Training) facilitating court skills training to newly qualified social workers and other professionals such as police officers and medics in the North West. The training aims to provide the group with an understanding of how to write effective statements, how to behave in a court setting, experience of cross examination and how the court service and court room is structured. Matthew has previously provided training on the Public Law Outline, Education Appeals and appropriate adult training for PACE interviews.

Matthew is an Associate Lecturer for the Open University on the LLB Law course, which requires him to keep up to date with changes across a wide range of legal issues to effectively teach students.

Matthew has experience of the media, providing legal advice on radio and was part of the Granada television series *Wythenshawe Law*.



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HOLLY PLATT



EDUCATION

Bar Professional Training Course,
Manchester Metropolitan University
(Very Competent)
LLB (Hons), University of Manchester
(1st class)

YEAR OF CALL

2013, Inner Temple

ASSOCIATIONS

Family Law Bar Association

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

BPTC Exhibition Award & Duke
of Edinburgh Entrance and Call
Scholarship
Sir Joseph Priestley Internship Award
to undertake Amicus capital murder
defence internship

PROFILE

Holly joined chambers in July 2015 following successful completion of pupillage under the supervision of Christine Riley, head of the family law team.

She has experience in all areas of family law and accepts instructions from the first appointment through to contested final hearings.

In her child law practice Holly has experience in representing local authorities, parents and the children. Her representation of children includes matters in which a Rule 16.4 Guardian has been appointed.

Holly has also has experience in ancillary relief matters and prides herself on her practical approach to advising clients and conducting negotiations.

PERSONAL INJURY LAW

In addition to her family practice Holly also regularly accepts instructions in personal injury matters. She has experience in disposal hearings, small claims and drafting quantum advices.

BACKGROUND

Prior to commencing pupillage Holly spent three months in Houston, Texas working in capital murder defence as a Sir Joseph Priestley Scholar (The Honourable Society of the Inner Temple). She regularly visited clients in the County Jail and Death Row, and undertook various research and analysis projects, to assist with trial preparation, drafting plea bargains and letters of advice.

During her legal studies Holly volunteered at a Manchester Legal Advice Centre providing free legal advice to local residents from economically deprived areas. Holly was also involved in training trainee police officers in giving evidence in court in a mock trial setting.

Holly was the 2013 recipient of the Richard Isaacson Memorial Scholarship Fund selected from six nominees for the top six Manchester Metropolitan University BPTC results.



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