

Carol Binnion

Year of Call: 2010

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Overview

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Practice Areas

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Carol appreciates how stressful family law cases are for all involved and ensures that she deal with cases in a sensitive manner and that she does all she can to put her clients at ease.

In public law proceedings Carol continues to represent parents, local authorities, children including young people who are capable of giving instructions, and other parties or interveners. Her work has encompassed finding of fact hearings including child death (where she has been led by leading counsel), non-accidental injury allegations, sexual abuse allegations, and domestic violence. She has expertise in alcohol and drug misuse, and neglect cases.

She has a particular interest in representing parents with learning difficulties including those represented by the Official Solicitor and aims to ensure that her clients fully understand the proceedings and that their views are communicated to the court.

Court of Protection

Carol undertakes court of protection work where children are in the category of 16 to 18 year olds and come within both the family jurisdiction and the court of protection jurisdiction.

Notable Cases

Re M (2018) EWCA Civ 3038

Birmingham City Council v MM AND FF (2018) EWFC 94

Qualifications

Call to the Bar, Middle Temple 2010

Admitted as a solicitor, 1984

Solicitors Finals, Chester College of Law, 1982

Bachelor of Laws (Hons), University of Nottingham, 1981

Memberships

Family Law Bar Association

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