

Sarah Fahy

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Overview

Sarah Fahy is a Barrister specialising in Family law.

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Practice Areas

Public Law Children

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In public law cases, Sarah regularly represents local authorities, parents, grandparents and children in multi-day, contested hearings. She has considerable experience in all stages of public law proceedings and applications under the ACA 2002 including applications for leave to oppose adoption, post adoption contact and contact with children in care. Sarah's experience includes, but is not limited to non-accidental injury fact finding hearings, sexual abuse, psychiatric illness, children with mental health concerns, foreign elements and serious domestic violence.

To find out more, email familyclerks@stiveschambers.co.uk.

Private Law Children

In private law matters, Sarah regularly deals with the most contentious cases at all stages of proceedings. She is an established advocate in cases involving internal and external relocation issues, domestic violence, changes of surname,

parental alienation, committal proceedings and particularly vulnerable clients. She has considerable expertise in cases which have a protracted history or have reached a stalemate where finding a new approach is crucial. Sarah also is known for her clarity of thought and her confidence in her approach to each case.

Sarah is able to provide written advice on all areas of family law and has a particular interest in matters relating to the duties of a local authority to pay monies to carers of children in various circumstances.

Dispute Resolution

Sarah was appointed as a Deputy District Judge in March 2019 and regularly determines a full range of private law children matters. Due to this appointment and her decade of experience at the Family Bar, Sarah is ideally positioned to advise clients as to realistic outcomes and strategic approaches in all private law matters ranging from the most complex and those involving international elements right through to those at the other end of the spectrum.

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Qualifications

Manchester Metropolitan University: Bar Vocational Course – Outstanding. Finished top of the year.

Universitaet des Saarlandes: Master of Laws (Magister)

University of Exeter: Bachelor of Laws (European) 2:1

Memberships

Midland Circuit

Middle Temple

Recommendations

Highly Commended in Legal Week’s “Stars at the Bar 2012”

Further Information

2007 – Pro Bono work at Devon Law Centre, Plymouth

Middle Temple Harmsworth Scholar

Dr Van der Heyden de Lancey Prize for Outstanding BVC results

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