



George Smith

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Overview

George Smith is a Barrister with a mixed common law practice accepting instructions in all areas of Family and Crime.

As a Family law practitioner, George regularly appears in the family court dealing with all private children and care matters.

In care proceedings, George has acted for Local Authorities in numerous hearings including case management hearings and multi-day adoption hearings involving multiple allegations. He has appeared on behalf of parents in urgent applications and contested removals. Acting for children, George has appeared in multi-day hearings. Recently George was led in a 17-day hearing by a senior member of chambers. The case involved cross examination of a child and parties who were litigants in person.

In Private Law proceedings he has acted for parents and children in matters from the Magistrates court to the High Court involving domestic abuse, contact and non-molestation orders. George has acted in contested fact-finds and other multi-day hearings.

In Crime, George has acted for the both the prosecution and defence. He is a grade 1 prosecution advocate and has experience prosecuting lists in the magistrates including trials and hearings on legal arguments. George frequently appears on behalf Defendants in the Crown and Magistrates. In the Magistrates he has appeared in trials and in the crown has represented defendants for PTPH hearings, sentencing and for emergency bench warrant hearings.

Practice Areas

Public Law Children

In care cases he has acted for Local Authorities in multi-day contested hearings for the placement of children. When acting for parents he often receives urgent instructions for contested removals, this requires him to quickly assimilate information and advise clients. He has also acted in hearings for children who have complicated welfare needs. George has appeared in multiple day hearings in front of Magistrates, District Judges, Circuit Judges and has appeared in the High Court. Recently George was led in a 17-day hearing by a senior member of chambers. The case involved cross examination of a child and parties who were litigants in person.

Private Law Children

As a Family law practitioner, George regularly appears in the family court dealing with all private children and care matters.

In his private law work, George has experience of taking cases from inception through to final hearings achieving favourable orders for his clients. He has acted for parents in contested fact find hearings, including a case whereby he successfully applied for to the court to use its case management powers not to consider the allegations made against his client. George has had experience acting for Guardian's in acrimonious parental disputes involving Child Arrangement Orders. He has received instructions in hearings for enforcement of Child Arrangement Orders and in contested applications to vary orders.

George has also acted in applications for non-molestation orders.

Criminal

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Recently George appeared on behalf of a Defendant charged with multiple drug counts and an allegation of perverting the course of justice at his PTPH and sentencing hearing.

George has appeared on behalf of defendants in applications for and applications to vary bail.

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Qualifications

Bar Professional Training Course, University of Law, Very Competent, July 2018

Middle Temple Scholarship 2018

Law (Hons), 2:1 Birmingham University, July 2017