



Jane Crowley QC

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Overview

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Practice Areas

Public Law Children

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In private law, Jane has a particular interest in cases concerning the relocation of children whether internationally or within the jurisdiction.

Jane is an excellent communicator who combines the provision of realistic advice with total commitment to her client's case as an advocate. She has a commanding and engaging court presence, laced with charm and a lightness of touch, which inspires confidence. Solicitors appreciate her skills, diligence and her commitment to respond swiftly to communications. Jane quickly builds a strong team relationship with her instructing solicitors and juniors.

Notable cases

C (a child) [2007] EWCA Civ. 2:

Court of appeal ruling on pecuniary damages for loss of opportunity in care cases (local authority decision to abandon care plan and proceed directly to adoption);

R v Vale of Glamorgan C.C. ex parte J [2001] EWCA Civ 593:

Education law (Transport to school/Bullying/Racial Harassment);

Scheeres v Scheeres (1999) 1 FLR 241, CA:

Matrimonial finance (Property Transfer/Periodical Payments);

Re S (Minors) [1994] 1 FLR 623, CA:

Inherent Jurisdiction (Abduction/Enforceability in England of Irish Court residence order);

Re Adoption Application (Non-Patrial: Breach of Procedures) [1993] 1 FLR 947, CA:

(Adoption of Foreign Child – El Salvador);

Re V (a Minor) [1987] 2 FLR 89, CA:

(Dispensing agreement in Adoption. Natural mother withdrawing consent);

Dipper v Dipper [1980] 1 FLR 286, CA:

(Rights of parties over upbringing of children following one-parent residence order).

Dispute Resolution

A highly experienced children lawyer with a nationwide practice, Jane sits as a Deputy High Court Judge of the Family Division, a Recorder and is also an Arbitrator in Children cases.

She is a Legal President of the Mental Health Review Tribunal for Wales (Restricted Panel).

She has experience in all aspects of Children Law and extensive judicial experience having been a Recorder since 1992 and a DHCJ since 1999. She has been a busy Children Law Silk since 1998.

Appointments

Silk: 1998 Recorder: 1996 (Assistant Recorder since 1992)

Deputy High Court Judge: 1999

Legal Chair of the Mental Health Review Tribunal: 2002