



Jeremy Weston QC

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Overview

Jeremy Weston is Queen's Counsel specialising in all aspects of Family law.

Jeremy is the Head of St Ives Chambers, Head of Family Team and is a Member of the Parole Board.

He represents local authorities, parents and children (via Children's Guardians) at first instance and appellate level.

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Jeremy is a Family Law Recorder (South Eastern Circuit) 2018.

Practice Areas

Public Law Children

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He is a charming and highly persuasive advocate capable of quickly distilling the relevant issues and is always meticulously prepared. He has enormous experience in cases involving complex medical issues and the cross examination of experts.

Care proceedings and adoption proceedings

Jeremy has expertise in the most complex of care cases, including:

- The death or serious injury of children (with a particular interest in head injuries)
- Sexual abuse (including acting for children both as victims and alleged perpetrators)
- Poisoning cases
- Fabricated/Induced Illness (FII)
- Judicial Review
- Inherent Jurisdiction
- Human Rights claims

- Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)

Notable Cases

[Wolverhampton City Council v JA & Ors \[2017\] EWFC 62 \(18 August 2017\)](#)

[Re B \[2014\] EWCA Civ 565](#)

[Re A \(Children\) \[2013\] EWCA 1611](#)

[Re L-R \[2013\] EWCA Civ 1129](#)

[R \(on the application of Johns\) v Derby City Council \[2011\] EWHC 375](#)

[Birmingham City Council v AG, IA & JA \[2009\] EWHC 3720 Fam](#)

Staffordshire County Council v A, B, C, D, E & F [2009] EWHC 1982 Fam

Re R sub nom Birmingham City Council v LR, PNG, AK, AW & MRR [2006] EWCA Civ 1748

Private Law Children

Private Law Proceedings

Jeremy has extensive experience in protracted and complicated private law proceedings including:

- Residence (including internal relocation)
- Contact (including parental alienation and intractable contact disputes)
- Allegations of physical, emotional and sexual abuse
- Disputes over education, religion, medical procedures and changes of name
- Child Abduction
- International relocation
- Human Rights
- Surrogacy and Parental Order applications
- Parenting disputes arising from same-sex relationships

Jeremy regularly lectures on all aspects of child law and is often invited as a speaker for Jordans.

Jeremy provided Court Work Skills training to 14 local authorities in 2011 as part of the West Midlands Social Work Retention Project (funded by the Government Office).

Qualifications

LLB (Hons)

Appointments

Head of Chambers

Head of Family Team

Member of the Parole Board

Family Law Recorder (South Eastern Circuit) 2018

Memberships

Chair of West Midlands Family Law Bar Association

Association of Lawyers for Children

British Association for Adoption and Fostering (BAAF)

Publications

Guidance on the law regarding FGM for healthcare professionals. Published in the BMJ archive – click [here](#)

Challenging and Defending Local Authority Child Care Decisions (April 2013) Jordans Publishing (Co-Author)

Recommendations

Chambers & Partners 2020: "In my view, he's the number one children law barrister in the Midlands. He's a very impressive courtroom performer, and is highly respected by judges and lawyers alike."

Legal 500 2019: "Strong on legal argument as well as in cross-examination."

Chambers & Partners 2019: "He puts clients at ease and quickly builds up a rapport."

Legal 500 2018: "Highly recommended for complex public law children cases."

Chambers & Partners 2018: "Charming, able and well regarded by the judges. Reassures the client and takes the stress out of proceedings." "A leading silk."

Legal 500 2017: "Very experienced in sensitive and complex care cases."

Chambers & Partners 2017: "Specialist children's counsel, highly regarded and tactically astute." "Jeremy is approachable, easy to work with, affable with the client and gives good advice."

Legal 500 2016: "An expert on highly complex public children law matters."

Chambers & Partners 2016: "He is a very persuasive advocate who doesn't waste words. He gets to the point and judges like him because his style is straightforward and down to earth." "A specialist children's counsel who is highly regarded and tactically astute."

Chambers & Partners 2015: "He is a skilled and intelligent advocate."

Legal 500 2014: "Strikes the right balance between robust and fair."

Chambers & Partners 2014: "His cross-examination and the way he handles cases is astounding. He always ensures that the client is involved in decision-making and that they understand what is actually going on. Jeremy is also very willing to go the extra mile."

Legal 500 2013: The "excellent" Jeremy Weston QC is "smooth" and "unflappable."

Chambers & Partners 2013: A family law specialist with "a fantastic eye for the detail of a case". His practice is principally focused on difficult care cases concerning the death or sexual abuse of children.

Legal 500 2012: Jeremy Weston QC has "a gift for reducing the temperature in acrimonious or sensitive cases."

Chambers & Partners 2012: Joining Keehan in Silk this year is Jeremy Weston QC, whom observers describe as an "efficient, thorough and intelligent barrister with a good manner with clients."

Legal 500 2011: Jeremy Weston QC is "intellectually astute and creative in the application of cutting-edge developments" and "provides comprehensive and elegantly crafted documents."

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