



# Lawren Dobson

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## Overview

Lawren Dobson, a scholar from Middle Temple joined St Ives Chambers in 2019 following completion of pupillage in Peterborough. Having completed a secondment at Peterborough City Council, Lawren is instructed to represent local authorities, parents and children in both public and private law.

## Practice Areas

### Family - Finance

Lawren conducts a variety of advocacy and has appeared on behalf of husbands and wives and intervenors in financial remedy cases. Lawren has experience in represented clients at a full spectrum of hearings, including :

- First Direction Appointments
- Interim hearings including maintenance pending suit hearings
- FDR appointments
- Contested final hearings

Lawren regularly negotiates fair settlements and has an empathetic approach with her clients, she is able to navigate through cases and reach sensible conclusions even where there is limited matrimonial assets to be divided.

### Private Law Children

Lawren is approachable and popular with solicitors and clients in complex and high conflict cases. She receives instructions to act for both parents in cases involving domestic violence, parental alienation and emotional or physical abuse of a child. Lawren has experience in conducting first hearings, final contested hearings, and appeals.

Lawren has experience in cases including

- Contact disputes
- Residence arrangements
- Applications to vary a Child Arrangements Order
- Enforcement of contact orders

- Specific Issue Orders, including geographical locality and schooling
- Appeals

Lawren also regularly represents clients seeking and opposing non molestation orders or occupation orders.

## Public Law Children

Lawren conducts a variety of family advocacy for Local Authorities, parents, and children via their Guardian. She approaches each case with vigour and determination to achieve the best possible outcome for her client. She has prior experience in working for a local authority through a secondment with Peterborough City Council, and has been instructed in matters including:

- Contested interim removal applications (ICOs)
- Neglect
- Domestic violence
- Poor mental health
- Drug and alcohol misuse
- Sexual abuse
- Inflicted injuries
- Parents with limited cognitive functioning
- Part 25 applications