Timothy Bowe KC

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Overview

Timothy Bowe KC specialises in the law relating to children. He is a leading practitioner in complex private and public law family disputes and has a strong reputation as an effective and persuasive advocate. His expertise in the field of Family Law means he often appears in highly complex and sensitive public and private law cases and is well regarded for his forensic style and strategic approach in difficult cases.

Timothy regularly acts for local authorities, parents and children as well as separately represented young people and has extensive experience representing clients in the senior courts including the Court of Appeal.

Timothy sits as Family Law Recorder.

Areas of interest include:

- Child death
- Serious physical injury
- Allegations of emotional, physical, and sexual abuse
- Fabricated/Induced illness (FII) / Perplexing Presentations
- International jurisdiction
- Surrogacy and fertility law
- Intractable residence and contact disputes/contact costs
- Deprivation of Liberty
- Media/privacy law in the family court

Timothy recently appeared in two leading cases concerning transparency in family justice: the Court of Appeal decision in Griffiths v Tickle [2021] EWCA Civ 1882 and Lieven J's decision in Tickle v Herefordshire County Council & Ors [2022] EWHC 1017 (Fam).

Timothy is an active participant on the Midlands Circuit and speaks regularly at FLBA and internal seminars on developments in Children Law. He is a former Secretary of the FLBA (West Midlands) and is Head of Pupillage and Recruitment at St Ives Chambers.

He is ranked in the Legal 500 (2021) as a Tier 1 leading junior in Public and Private Law and accredited to question vulnerable and child witnesses in the Family Court.

Recent reported cases:

Tickle v Herefordshire County Council & Ors [2022] EWHC 1017 (Fam)

Griffiths v Griffiths: (Guidance on Contact Costs) [2022] EWHC 113 (Fam)

Griffiths v Tickle [2021] EWCA Civ 1882

Tickle v Griffiths [2021] EWHC 3365 (Fam)

Re E (A Child) [2020] EWFC 73

A City Council v M & Ors [2020] EWCA 947 (Fam)

Re: C (A Child: Parental Order & Child Arrangements Order) [2020] EWHC 2474

Re: C (A Child: Parental Order & Child Arrangements Order) [2020] EWHC 214

Practice Areas

Public Law Children

Timothy Bowe KC is a specialist public law children practitioner with a formidable reputation gained over years representing local authorities, parents, children and separately represented young people in complex family law proceedings. He is experienced at representing vulnerable clients and has a collaborative, reassuring style that is effective in and outside of court.

Timothy has experience representing clients in the senior courts including the Court of Appeal. He has developed a reputation for straightforward, persuasive advocacy as well as forensic legal analysis.

Timothy regularly represents local authorities, parents and children in complex public law children work and has a particular interest in the following areas –

- Serious sexual harm
- Serious physical injury
- Non-accidental injury/medical cases
- Domestic abuse
- Fabricated or induced illness and Perplexing Presentations
- Toxicology/poisoning
- International/internal relocation
- Human Rights
- DOLS and Court of Protection
- Disclosure (including PII applications)
- Media/privacy law in family proceedings
- Judicial Review

Timothy appeared in the seminal decisions of *Tickle v Griffiths [2021] EWFC 3365 (Fam)* in the High Court and *Griffiths v Tickle [2021] EWCA Civ 1882* in the Court of Appeal as well as in *Tickle v Herefordshire County Council & Ors [2022] EWHC 1017 (Fam)* addressing privacy/publication in the Family Court.

Timothy has undergone vulnerable witness training and is experienced in cross-examining vulnerable parties and witnesses.

Timothy is an active participant on the Midland Circuit and often addresses the West Midlands and National Family Law Bar Association and Association of Lawyers for Children in key developments in private law.

Timothy is ranked as a leading practitioner in Chambers and Partners and the Legal 500.

Private Law Children

Timothy Bowe KC has a wealth of experience representing parents and children in all types of private law disputes relating to children. He has a strong reputation as a persuasive and authoritative advocate who works collaboratively with clients and solicitors to achieve the desired outcome in the case. He has a pleasant and affable style which places the client at the centre of the case. He has a reputation for putting complex matters clearly and with precision.

Timothy has considerable experience in all aspects of private law disputes however has a particular expertise in the following areas –

- Allegations of abuse/fabricated, induced illness
- Intractable welfare disputes (residence and contact)
- Costs
- Habitual residence
- Non-Molestation/Occupation Orders
- Domestic and international relocation
- Medical, educational disputes
- Surrogacy and Parental Order applications
- Special Guardianship
- Media/privacy law in Family Law proceedings

Timothy has experience in surrogacy work. He appeared in a long running case in the High Court involving Parental Orders, Child Arrangement provisions, applications to re-open a fact finding decision and complex welfare arguments: *Re C (A Child: Parental Order & Child Arrangements Order) [2020] EWHC 2474, Re C (A Child: Parental Order & Child Arrangements Order [2020] EWHC 214, Re C (A Child) Parental Order & Child Arrangements Order No.3) p2021] EWHC 3045 and Re C (A Child) (Parental Order & Child Arrangements Orders No.4) [2022] EWHC 2501.* He also appeared in the Court of Appeal in *Re AZ (A Child) (Recusal) [2022] EWCA Civ 911.*

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He also acted for the child in *Griffiths v Griffiths (Guidance on Contact Costs) [2022] EWHC 113 (Fam*) in which the court identified the key principles relevant to contact costs where one party has been found to have engaged in sexually abusive behaviour.

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Dispute Resolution

Timothy regularly acts for parents, children and extended family members in all aspects of private law proceedings, including:-

- Child arrangement orders
- Human rights cases
- Complex jurisdiction issues
- Complex findings of fact hearings (including allegations of FII, sexual, physical and emotional harm)

- International surrogacy disputes

Timothy was appointed as a Recorder 2018 and sits on the Northern Circuit. Timothy has a wealth of experience in case managing complex private law disputes, deciding difficult and sensitive fact-finding hearings and dealing with cases involving arguments over jurisdiction.

Up until 2019 Timothy was the regional Secretary of the FLBA in the West Midlands.

Timothy is the Head of Pupillage at Chambers and oversees a comprehensive programme of advocacy training. He regularly speaks at Chambers' seminars and delivers lectures of developing areas of law.

Qualifications

MA History (Cantab)

CPE/Diploma in Law (City University)

Scholar, Inner Temple

QLR

Vulnerable Witness Training

Appointments

Chair of the West Midlands Family Law Bar Association (WMFLBA), 2023

Recorder, 2018

Memberships

Family Law Bar Association

West Midlands Family Law Bar Association

Association of Lawyers for Children

Recommendations

Chambers and Partners 2023: "Timothy has been invaluable on highly complex and time-consuming matters." "Tim provides intelligent and persuasive advocacy of the highest standard." "Tim is a future silk, for sure. He is a really high-rated public law practitioner. He is very impressive on his feet; an effective advocate with a light touch. He is somebody to watch."

Legal 500 2023: "Timothy is calm, well-prepared, and always goes the extra mile for his clients. He is a team player, and his written documents are thorough. He is able to think on his feet and assist the court wherever necessary. He is the go-to barrister in private law children matters, and is quickly able to get to grips with the key issues and navigate a difficult path

to achieve the outcome desired."

Legal 500 2022: "Timothy Bowe is an elegant and persuasive advocate. Often acting for Guardians, he is used to appearing against silks but is not outclassed. He brings a maturity and balance to a case which judges find attractive."

Legal 500 2021: "Thoughtful, analytical and well-organised, he is skillful in his advocacy."

Legal 500 2019: "His charming court manner and understated advocacy style makes him a very appealing advocate."

Legal 500 2018: "Recommended for cases involving non-accidental injuries and sexual abuse."

Legal 500 2017: "His advice is always on-point."

Legal 500 2016: "He has a keen intelligence, excellent attention to detail and is an eloquent advocate."

Legal 500 2015: "Erudite and intelligent in equal measure."

Legal 500 2011: "Superb"

Legal 500: "Timothy Bowe was described as a promising junior in care proceedings."

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