



Tracy Lakin

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Overview

Tracy Lakin is a Barrister specialising in Public Law Children, Private Law Children and Court of Protection.

Tracy practises in public law and private law Children Act applications. She is experienced in all aspects of proceedings in the County Court, High Court and Court of Appeal. She has also been led in the High Court and the Court of Appeal.

She represents Local Authorities, Children's Guardians, parents (including adults acting under a disability) and children. Her cases have involved serious non-accidental injury, shaken baby syndrome, death of children, sexual abuse and chronic neglect. Her particular strength is in fact finding hearings.

Tracy is part of the specialist Court of Protection team dealing with all areas of mental capacity law and practice who advise, consult and offer representation in this developing area. She has a particular interest in Forced Marriage and Deprivation of Liberty cases and has appeared in the Court of Protection in Birmingham on such matters. Tracy has regularly lectured in this area to Local Authorities, health professionals and solicitors in private practice.

Practice Areas

Public Law Children

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Court of Protection

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Notable cases

[A Local Authority v F & Ors \[2022\] EWFC 127](#)

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

Re X (A Child) (Surrogacy: Time Limit) [2014] EWHC 3135 (Fam)

[Re:H \(Children\) \[2007\] EWCA Civ 529.](#)

Re:B (A Child) (Evaluation: Appellate Courts function) [2014] EWCA Civ 565, [2014] 1 WLR 4344, [2014] 3 FCR 129.

Private Law Children

Tracy practises in public law and private law Children Act applications. She is experienced in all aspects of proceedings in the County Court, High Court and Court of Appeal. She has also been led in the High Court and the Court of Appeal.

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Qualifications

LLB (Hons) (SW) Nottingham Trent University

Memberships

Family Law Bar Association

Recommendations

Chambers and Partners 2023: "Tracy is highly sought after and a steady and reliable advocate. She is also creative and thorough." "Tracy is a robust and effective advocate. She has great skills and is very personable." "Tracy is excellent when dealing with difficult individuals. Her client support is excellent."

Legal 500 2023: "Tracy is tenacious, always fully prepared and a standout care practitioner. She is an incisive advocate; she leaves no stone unturned."

Chambers & Partners 2022: "I always look to book Tracy for complicated matters with novel issues as she has an attention to detail like no other." "She's incredibly diligent, has a lovely manner in court and is thoroughly prepared."

Legal 500 2022: "Tracy's preparation for a case is beyond describable. Her grasp of matters and understanding of the law are impeccable. To be able to instruct Ms Lakin is always a honor and she goes above and beyond to assist you as the Instructing Solicitor where she can."

Chambers and Partners 2021: "A wonderful barrister." "She provides excellent advice."

Legal 500 2021: "Her grasp of complex issues is comprehensive and there is not a single detail she does not know about her case."

Chambers & Partners 2020: "She is incredibly hard-working, tenacious and detail-oriented." "She offers great client care whilst showing attention to detail in every case."

Legal 500 2019: "Always robust and strong in her advocacy."

Chambers & Partners 2019: "Her attention to detail is incredibly useful and her advocacy is excellent." "She has several strong points, including her advocacy, negotiation and client care. She is also very approachable."

Chambers & Partners 2018: "Superb. Her ability in cross-examination and in court leaves you in awe." "She is responsible in managing the client's expectations and her technical ability is second to none."

Chambers & Partners 2017: "Excellent, really hard-working and someone with a great eye for detail. Good with vulnerable clients."

Chambers & Partners 2016: "She is well regarded and respected. She marries tenacity with pleasantness when she is in court." "Her experience and her knowledge shine through. You know you are dealing with a class act."

Chambers & Partners 2015: "She has got a very quiet manner of advocacy but it is very effective. Tracy deals with sensitive childcare cases in a very professional and client-focused manner."

Chambers & Partners 2014: Practises in public law and private law children's cases, and represents local authorities, guardians, parents and children. "She always manages to be a calming influence in what can be very unsettled circumstances." "Tracy came in to my case, looked over the case notes for a couple of days and just had such a grip on every detail - she was phenomenal. She did it all so quickly with a very complex case." "Tracy is extremely hard working; knowledgeable and very committed to the client she represents. She is thorough; extremely professional but personable at the same time. I would recommend Tracy without hesitation."

LinkedIn Recommendation 2013: "Tracy Lakin has just the right balance of assertiveness, expertise in her field and drive to achieve the best outcome for clients, whilst always having the bigger picture in mind and keeping her integrity in tact at all times. I would instruct her time and again."

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