



## Alison Williams

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### Practice Profile

Alison read history at University College London before converting to law. She was a Gray's Inn Ebsworth scholar in her CPE year and was awarded the Lord Justice Holker Award for her BVC year. She was called to the Bar in 2004

Alison specialises in all areas relating to children's law and provides representation at all levels of court

#### PRACTICE

Alison has extensive experience in providing representation to parents, family members, intervenors, local authorities and children's guardians in a range of public law proceedings. She is also experienced in acting for children directly and has acted for the Official Solicitor.

Her public law practice has encompassed cases involving parents with mental health difficulties, substance abuse, neglect, domestic violence, over-chastisement, non-accidental injury (including fractures and shaken baby cases), sexual abuse, interference with medical equipment and fabricated and induced illness.

In private law proceedings, Alison has experience of all applications pursuant to section 8 of the Children Act 1989, applications for special guardianship orders, internal relocation and removal from the jurisdiction cases. She acts for all parties involved in such applications including rule 16.4 Guardians. She is often instructed in complex cases involving issues such as implacable hostility, domestic violence, mental health difficulties and where children's services are involved.

Alison is often instructed to represent clients with mental health difficulties, learning difficulties, teenage parents and clients who are otherwise vulnerable or difficult to advise. She takes a sensitive and pragmatic approach with her clients.

Alison also accepts instructions in applications for injunctions under the Family Law Act 1996.

Alison is also available as a family mediator.

#### REPORTED CASES

*SCC v M & Ors* [2014] EWHC 2219 (Fam) - Appeared on behalf of the mother in a shaken baby fact finding hearing where the issue was whether the father or a nine year old child had caused the baby's injuries.



*Re E (A Child)* [2013] EWHC 2400 (Fam) - Led by Frances Judd QC in successfully representing the father in a fact finding hearing involving allegations of interference with medical equipment and suspected FII. Judicial guidance was given on the use of section 20 agreements, emergency powers of removal and local authority management of cases where FII is suspected.

#### MEMBERSHIPS

Family Law Bar Association.  
Association of Lawyers for Children.