



Anna Yarde

Call: 2012

Anna specialises in the law relating to children. She balances compassion for her clients with straightforward advice, skilled negotiation and fearless advocacy.

In addition to public and private children law work, Anna's practice includes Deprivation of Liberty and Forced Marriage applications. As an experienced advocate, Anna is well-equipped to identify the serious risks facing vulnerable parties in these cases and prioritises client care and communication. Anna recognises the importance of ensuring that her client's views are accurately and sensitively portrayed in the courtroom.

Anna rigorously analyses her cases to achieve the best possible outcomes for her clients. The quality of her impressive written work was praised by McFarlane LJ in [Re S \(Children\) 2016 EWCA Civ 1090](#) [paragraph 16].

Anna has written for Family Law and [The Transparency Project](#).

Anna has been named a TBD Marketing [Top 20 Legal LinkedInfluencer for Q2 2024](#).

Public Law Children

Anna has extensive experience representing Local Authorities, parents, family members and children in public law proceedings. She is skilled in acting for vulnerable adults and taking instructions directly from children.

Anna's practice includes cases involving domestic violence, substance misuse, neglect, sexual abuse (including rape and incest), physical abuse, factitious or induced illness and non-accidental injury.

Anna is sensitive to the significance and complexities of these cases, as well as the needs of her clients. She understands the importance of effective communication and ensuring that her clients have a clear understanding of the proceedings

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and their decisions.

Notable Public Law Children cases

- **Oxfordshire County Council v M & Ors [2023] EWFC 135**

Anna represented the successful Applicant, Oxfordshire County Council in this final hearing of application for care and placement orders in relation to a 10 month-old child.

- **Re S (Children) [2016] EWCA Civ 1090**

Private Law Children

Anna is regularly instructed in private law children cases. These cases usually involve disputes about with whom a child will live, contact, other specific issues (such as education, surnames and religion) or preventing a parent from taking certain steps involving the care of a child.

Anna has experience of complex (and sometimes subtle) cases involving allegations of parental alienation, the instruction of expert witnesses and fact-finding hearings.

She is often instructed in cases involving Litigants in Person and is qualified to accept instructions directly from members of the public in appropriate circumstances.

Direct Access

Anna is qualified to accept instructions directly from members of the public under the Direct Access Scheme in appropriate circumstances.

Publications

- *'Anna Yarde talks about Post-adoption contact in her latest article'* Blog, May 2025
- *'Personal Branding: Guilty as Charged'* – Counsel Magazine, April 2025
- *'The Future of the Bar with Anna Yarde'* – LexisNexis, April 2025
- *'Recognising Women at the Bar this International Women's Day 2025'* – LexisNexis, March 2025
- *'Anna Yarde: Exploring the life of a children law barrister'* – Commerce Meets Law Podcast (S3 Ep22) February 2025
- *Article for the Barrister magazine: The Provision of Legal Services in the Era of Social Media* – Issue 103, Hilary

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Term Issue, 13 January – 16 April 2025

- *'Building and Benefitting from a Personal Brand on LinkedIn'* – Conscious Solutions Podcast, January 2025
- *'Air Conditioning, Astroturf, and Transparency Orders'*, The Transparency Project (August 2024)
- *"Written Advocacy Who is it For?"*, The Transparency Project (May 2024)
- "The Child Arrangements Programme", Family Law (March 2014)

Memberships

- Honourable Society of the Middle Temple
- Family Law Bar Association

Education

- MA (Cantab) (Law), University of Cambridge
- BPTC, Kaplan Law School

Prizes

- Astbury Scholarship, Middle Temple (2011-2012)

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