



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.

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

She also prioritises client care and communication so that her clients' views are accurately and sensitively portrayed in the courtroom.

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 and their decisions.

Notable Public Law Children cases

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- **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

- “The Child Arrangements Programme”, Family Law (March 2014)

Memberships

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

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Education

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

Prizes

- Astbury Scholarship, Middle Temple (2011-2012)

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