

Cecilia Barrett

Call: 1998



Cecilia is a highly regarded family practitioner with many years' experience in financial remedy and children work. She is known as a well prepared, tenacious advocate who has the ear of the court. Cecilia develops and maintains good relationships with her clients and has a warm, empathetic style.

Family Finance

Cecilia represents clients in the full range of financial cases from the very significant to the very small. Her recent cases have included issues involving bankruptcy, farming, family businesses and interveners. She is a robust negotiator and a very experienced trial advocate. Cecilia also has experience of representing clients in private FDRs and arbitrations. Cecilia always ensures that she works as a team with her instructing solicitors and clients.

Private Law Children

Cecilia has very wide-ranging experience in private law children matters. Her recent cases have included applications involving parental alienation, sexual abuse, physical abuse, domestic abuse and difficulties with mental health. She has conducted many, many fact-finding hearings where these issues are determined. Cecilia is regularly instructed in cases involving 16.4 Guardians and cases where public law applications are contemplated. She has also represented clients in applications involving change of name, change of school and relocation.

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Public Law Children

As a highly experienced children lawyer, Cecilia has represented parents, local authorities and children's guardians in the full range of public law cases. She has been involved in cases where there are issues of sexual and physical abuse, neglect and drug and alcohol misuse. As a consequence of her style she is particularly adept at working with vulnerable adults.

Notable Public Law Children cases

- **Bella (placement with kinship carers) [2024] EWFC 303 (B)**
Care proceedings, issued after half-sibling suffered serious injuries caused by father.
- **T-D (Children: Specific Issue Order) [2024] EWCA Civ 793**
Appeal by mother from specific issue order giving father "over-riding parental responsibility" in three respects, including schooling.
- **Re AB (A Child: Diabetic Care) [2023] EWFC 149**
Mother accused of fabricated and induced illness by covert and chronic insulin maladministration.

Direct Access

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

Memberships

- FLBA
- ALC
- Inner Temple

Education

- Law (European), Universities of Warwick and Lille II