



## Emma Gatland

Call: 2013

Before studying law in 2011, Emma enjoyed a successful career in academia as a Fellow and Lecturer in Modern Languages, first at the University of Oxford and then at the University of Cambridge. She published many books and journal articles in her field of research.

Emma was called to the Bar and joined Harcourt Chambers in 2013. She specialises in children work (public and private family law). She is recognised by those who instruct her as having experience and ability considerably beyond her year of Call.

## Public Law Children

Emma has a wealth of experience representing local authorities, parents, children, and interveners in public law proceedings. Her cases have covered the most serious of issues, including neglect, drug and alcohol misuse, mental health, fabricated or induced illness, sexual and physical abuse, and non-accidental injury.

Emma has been led by both [John Vater QC](#) and Frances Judd QC in public law fact find hearings involving allegations of sexual abuse.

## Private Law Children

Emma has a strong private law practice. She is regularly instructed in matters involving parental alienation, alcohol and substance abuse, mental health issues, sexual and other domestic abuse, and internal relocation.

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Emma has been led by [John Vater QC](#) in a private law children case involving allegations of sexual abuse.

## Direct Access

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

## Memberships

- Member of the External Advisory Board, [Centre for Mediation & Dispute Resolution](#)

## Education

- BPTC, Nottingham Law School
- GDL, Nottingham Law School, Distinction
- PhD Medieval Spanish, University of Cambridge
- MPhil European Literature & Culture (Distinction), University of Cambridge
- BA (Hons) Modern Languages (Spanish & Italian) (Distinction), University of Durham

## Prizes

- The Nottingham Law School Prize for best advocate
- The St Mary's Chambers Family Law Prize, Lincoln's Inn
- The Ropewalk Chambers Advocacy Prize, Lincoln's Inn

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