



Hannah Mettam has been consistently ranked in the Legal 500 as a Tier 1 Leading Junior in Children Act cases for several years.

In February 2023, Hannah was appointed as assistant Coroner for Nottingham and Nottinghamshire to support the Senior and Area Coroners across the full range of Coroner's duties for the county, including presiding over inquests.

Hannah has significant experience and expertise in Public Law Children matters, and some private law children in cases where serious allegations are made. A specialist in complex proceedings, Hannah regularly appears in cases involving the most serious of allegations and has a wealth of experience both in being led by King's Counsel and in leading other junior members of Chambers. Hannah regularly appears in High Court proceedings.

Hannah acts on behalf of Local Authorities, parents, children and interveners in a wide range of cases including:

- Cases involving child death
- Serious non-accidental injury
- Fabricated and induced illness
- Admission of children to hospital for treatment
- Sexual abuse
- Complex medical evidence.

Hannah is routinely requested in cases where a detailed and forensic approach is required, her advocacy style is described as formidable and she is an extremely popular choice for lay and professional clients alike, particularly where cases require expert cross-examination. Hannah is regularly instructed in cases involving very complex medical evidence, she has a sound grasp of medical conditions and processes and understands how to forensically explore and challenge medical evidence in a way that penetrates the real issues at the heart of a case, whilst also ensuring that this sometimes impenetrable medical terminology is entirely understandable for the benefit of lay and professional clients alike.

Public Law Children

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Notable Public Law Children cases

- **Re CM (A Child) [2023] EWFC 263**
Fact-finding in care proceedings regarding the cause of multiple fractures to an infant.
- **X (A child), Re [2023] EWFC 264 (B)**
Application by local authority for permission to withdraw care proceedings, following receipt of medical evidence indicating that the parents were not to blame for the child's injuries.
- **Re AA (Re Children Act 1989) [2023] EWFC 278**
Fact-finding hearing in care proceedings concerning a one year old child who had two broken ribs and a history of unexplained marks.
- **Central Bedfordshire Council v F & Ors [2022] EWFC 130**
- **Y (Leave to oppose adoption) [2020] EWCA Civ 1287**
- **Z (A Child), Re [2020] EWFC B13**
- **Northamptonshire County Council v AB & Anor [2019] EWHC 1807 (Fam)**
- **O (A Child): Interim Care Order [2019] EWCA Civ 583**
- **H-L (Children: Summary Dismissal of Care Proceedings) [2019] EWCA Civ 704**
- **P (A Child), Re [2018] EWCA Civ 720**
- **ES (A Child), Re [2017] EWFC B96**
- **ED, Re [2015] EWFC B84**
- **X County Council v AB & CD [2015] EWFC 98**
- **NCC v L & Anor [2014] EWHC 4828 (Fam)**

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- **Cooke, R (on the application of) v Director of Public Prosecutions [2008] EWHC 2703 (Admin)**

Private Law Children

Hannah has experience and expertise in Private Law Children matters, often in cases where serious allegations are made.

Appointments

Assistant Coroner 2023

Memberships

Family Law Bar Association
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Education

University: Nottingham Trent University (LLB 1st Class)
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