



## Kate Ferguson

Call: 2016

Kate practises in public and private law children cases. Kate is known for her meticulous preparation and is highly regarded for her robust, calm and approachable manner. She has particular experience in representing vulnerable clients and taking on cases of a complex nature.

Kate acts in all levels of court having appeared in the High Court on numerous occasions. She has appeared in the Court of Appeal as a led junior on behalf of a Local Authority and successfully argued for the dismissal of an appeal against findings of sexual abuse.

As a led junior Kate has also represented a Children's Guardian in a three week fact finding hearing involving complex allegations of harm.

Prior to joining Chambers, Kate worked as a paralegal in a specialist family law firm and Local Authority legal department gaining a wide range of experience in both public and private law children work.

## Public Law Children

Kate has a busy practice in public law children representing Local Authorities, parents, children, grandparents and interveners.

Kate has a wide range of experience in matters which involve issues such as drug and alcohol problems, neglect, physical and emotional harm and mental health difficulties.

Kate also has experience in complex cases involving allegations of sexual abuse and fictitious or induced injury.

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## Notable Public Law Children cases

- **S and T (care - fact finding - FII - emotional abuse) [2023] EWFC 195 (24 March 2023)**  
Fact-finding in care proceedings. Found that children had suffered emotional harm and neglect whilst in the care of their mother.
- **Re C (Children: Fact Find Medical Presentation) (Rev 1) [2020] EWFC B1**
- **Re Y & E (Children) [2019] EWCA Civ 206**

## Private Law Children

Kate has a strong private law children practice. Kate frequently acts for parents, guardians and other family members in cases involving all forms of parental dispute, parental alienation, allegations of abuse, intractable contact disputes and cases which have an international element.

Kate also represents clients in injunctive proceedings with an extensive experience of applications for non-molestation orders and occupation orders.

## Notable Private Law Children cases

- **Raza v Gall [2023] EWFC 181**  
Committal hearing in relation to mother's failure to comply with a contact order.
- **F v G (private law final hearing) [2023] EWFC 93**  
Kate Ferguson, instructed by John Welch & Stammers solicitors, represented the father in the Family Court at Oxford before HHJ Vincent in this private hearing of cross-applications by mother to enforce order that children should live with her, and by father for an order that they should remain in his care. The Court decided that the children should remain living with their father.

## Memberships

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

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## Education

- Graduate Diploma in Law, University of Law
- Bar Professional Training Course, BPP University
- MA (Hons) History (First Class), Edinburgh University

## Prizes

- BPP University Bar Professional Training Course Excellence Award
- Diplock Scholarship, Middle Temple
- Blackstone Entrance Exhibition Award, Middle Temple
- The Leathersellers' Scholarship for Academic Achievement
- Middle Temple Rosamund Smith Moot Finalist (2016)

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