



Kit Firbank

Call: 2005

A competitive and tactically astute advocate, Kit is motivated by successful outcomes for his clients in each and every case.

With a background in psychology, Kit is accomplished in recognising and adapting to each client's individual needs and wellbeing. Kit provides a calm reassuring presence and ensures prompt continual support and advice throughout the entire litigation process.

Kit's focus has been solely children's law for almost two decades. He is a private law children and injunction specialist, with experience of cases at every level, including appeals and accepting direct access work.

Some of Kit's former clients include ones in the public eye, where his discretion and ability to offer bespoke conferences, to include weekends was well received.

Public Law Children

Kit has significant experience in the following areas:

- Serious non-accidental injuries
- Baby shaking cases, including death of an infant sibling
- Mental health, psychological and psychiatric issues, learning difficulties
- Deprivation of liberty applications
- Sexual abuse
- Severe neglect
- Burn and scalding injuries

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- Factitious disorders
- Family Drug and Alcohol Court
- Multicultural issues
- Deaf parents
- Wardship
- Special Guardianship Orders
- Representing seriously harmed or older defiant children
- Secure Accommodation Orders
- Adoption Orders
- Human Rights
- Brussels II issues

Notable Public Law Children cases

- **H - L (Children: Summary Dismissal of Care Proceedings) [2019] EWCA Civ 704**
- **H (Care & Placement Application), Re [2018] EWFC B36**
- **A - W & C (Children) [2013] EWHC B41 (Fam)**
Kit successfully brought a Human Rights claim for Declaratory Relief in the High Court against a local authority for the unlawful removal of a child.

Private Law Children

Kit accepts instructions in all aspects of private law children work including:

- Child Arrangement Orders, custody battles and relocation
- Children traveling or moving abroad to Hague and Non-Hague convention countries
- Implacably hostile parent cases, alienation, and coaching Coercive controlling cases
- Fact finding hearings-domestic violence, non-accidental injuries, emotional harm, neglect, sexual abuse and alcohol and drug misuse
- Child abduction
- Prohibiting third parties (new partners or other) from having contact with children
- Withholding passports
- Medical treatment
- Change of name
- Disagreements over choice of school
- Prohibited Steps Orders and Specific Issue Orders Children with special needs, in particular Autism

Applications for Family Law Act 1996 injunctions including:

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- Numerous cases concerning abroad range of issues with former partners or third parties which require Non-Molestation Orders, Zonal restrictions, and Occupation Orders
- Without notice emergency applications

Notable Private Law Children cases

- **Re M & Anor (Children) (Permanent Relocation) [2023] EWFC 145**
Application by mother for permission to relocate with children to another country.

Direct Access

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

Education

- Bar Vocational Course, Manchester Metropolitan University
- Graduate Diploma in Law, College of Law, Chester
- Psychology B.Sc. Hons, University of London

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