



## Lucy Fairclough

Call: 2005

Lucy is an experienced advocate specialising in child law. Prior to specialising in family law, Lucy also practised at the criminal bar prosecuting and defending offences including serious sexual offences and domestic violence. This background has provided Lucy with invaluable experience, skills and knowledge that is particularly beneficial in cases involving and issues of sexual abuse, non-accidental injury, domestic violence and in cases requiring cross examination of a child. In the court room Lucy is a robust and tenacious advocate; with her clients Lucy is able to give firm and clear advice whilst remaining compassionate and sympathetic.

### Specialist areas

Adoption and Special Guardianship

Care Proceedings

Child Arrangements

Domestic Violence

## Public Law Children

Lucy acts on behalf of local authorities, parents, children's guardians, competent children and intervenors in a wide range of cases:

- Serious non-accidental injury
  - Fabricated and/or induced illness, including hospital intervenors
  - Female Genital Mutilation
  - Sexual abuse
  - Concurrent criminal proceedings
  - Human Rights Act claims arising from public law proceedings

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- Chronic neglect
- Hearing impaired families
- Drug and alcohol abuse (including FDAC proceedings)
- Adoption including adoptions with international elements
- Special Guardianship
- Domestic Violence

## Notable Public Law Children cases

- **Re ED [2015] EWFC B84 (29 May 2015)**

## Private Law Children

Lucy acts on behalf of local authorities, parents, children's guardians, competent children and intervenors in a wide range of cases such as adoption, including adoptions with international elements, and child arrangements disputes, including intractable contact disputes.

## Memberships

Family Law Bar Association  
Grays Inn  
Midland Circuit  
Women in Family Law

## Education

Law School:  
Nottingham Law School, Nottingham Trent University (2005)

University:  
University of Newcastle-Upon-Tyne (2003)

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