



Maria Scott-Wittenborn

Call: 2012

Since completing her pupillage at Harcourt in 2013 Maria has developed a strong practice in all areas of family law. She has extensive experience representing individuals from different cultural backgrounds, vulnerable clients, and those with learning disabilities, including children who require separate representation.

Public Law Children

Maria has acted in in a wide range of public law proceedings, including non-accidental injury, neglect and fabricated/factitious illness. She has significant experience representing both parents and Local Authorities in cases involving allegations of female genital mutilation and forced marriage.

Notable Public Law Children cases

- **Birmingham City Council v LC & Ors [2016] EWHC 1278 (Fam)**

Private Law Children

Maria's practice covers the spectrum of private law work, including fact-finding hearings regarding allegations of physical and emotional abuse, intractable hostility as well as specific issue disputes arising between family members. She acts for all parties, including 16.4 Guardians and children who are separately represented.

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International Children Law

Maria has appeared in the High Court on relocation and abduction cases, as well as those involving recognition and enforcement of orders across borders.

Notable International Children Law cases

- **K (A Child: Stranding: Forum Conveniens: Anti - Suit Injunction) [2019] EWHC 466 (Fam)**

Family Finance

Maria has experience working with a wide range of asset bases and strives to provide practical and realistic advice to her clients to secure an advantageous outcome.

Memberships

- Family Law Bar Association
- Association of Lawyers for Children

Education

- BPTC, College of Law, London
- Masters in Philosophy, University College London
- BA Hons (Philosophy and Neuroscience), Bryn Mawr College

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