



Oliver Powell

Call: 2013

Oliver has a broad family law practice. He has built up considerable experience in public and private law proceedings and is regularly instructed in the most difficult and complex cases. He represents clients in courts across the country.

Oliver understands that attending court can be a stressful and confusing experience. Therefore, he seeks to reassure his clients and make certain that they understand the process every step of the way. Additionally, Oliver believes that the most effective outcomes are achieved by combining forcefulness with courtesy. He is known for his dedicated and thorough approach whilst maintaining a friendly and personable disposition.

Public Law Children

Oliver undertakes cases involving non-accidental injuries (both as sole and led Junior), physical and sexual abuse, disputes involving complicated and often conflicting medical and expert opinion, serious domestic violence, drug and alcohol abuse and chronic neglect. He is regularly instructed by local authorities, parents, children's guardians and members of the extended family.

His litigation and advocacy experience includes representing vulnerable adults and children, and he is frequently instructed by the Official Solicitor. He often appears in proceedings where mental capacity is a live issue.

Oliver is trained and qualified for public access work and accepts instructions directly from members of the public in appropriate cases.

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Private Law Children

Oliver has a busy private law practice. He has experience of applications for all types of orders under the Children Act 1989, and has represented parents, members of the extended family and children's guardians. Oliver is often instructed in complex cases involving implacable hostility and alienation. Moreover, he is frequently instructed in cases involving serious and sensitive allegations of abuse that require resolution by way of a fact-finding hearing.

Court of Protection

Oliver accepts instructions in this field, and considers his skill set to be particularly suited to this area of law.

Direct Access

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

Publications

- JJW Herring and Oliver Powell, 'The rise and fall of presumptions surrounding the welfare principle' (2013) 43 Family Law 553
- Oliver Powell, 'In Whose Best Interests? Reconsidering the Judicial Approach Adopted in Relocation Disputes' (2013) 1 UKLSR 2

Memberships

- Family Law Bar Association
- Bar Pro Bono Unit
- Middle Temple

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Education

- BPTC (Outstanding)
- BCL, University of Oxford
- LLB (Law) (First Class), University of Birmingham
- BSc (Hons) Land Management (First Class), University of Reading

Prizes

- Baron Dr Ver Heyden de Lancey Prize, College of Law, Birmingham
- Winner of the Advocacy Prize, College of Law, Birmingham
- Astbury Scholar, Middle Temple
- Sir Henry Barber Law Scholarship, University of Birmingham

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