



Oliver Wraight

Call: 1998

Oliver practises exclusively in proceedings relating to children. His wide-ranging experience across all areas of these proceedings allows him to provide skilled and pragmatic advice and representation.

While he has more than twenty years experience in this field, Oliver never forgets that for the lay party it will usually be their first experience of such proceedings, and he is careful to ensure not just that his clients are not just represented skillfully in Court, but that they are advised and supported outside of the courtroom too.

Oliver is particularly skilled in representing vulnerable clients including those with learning difficulties or underlying mental health problems. He is valued for being approachable and sensitive to clients' difficulties and anxieties and takes a practical approach to securing them the best possible outcome.

Public Law Children

Oliver has extensive experience of representing local authorities, parents, Children's Guardians and other family members and interveners. He has experience in dealing with the most complex of cases, including serious non-accidental injuries, conflicting medical evidence, sexual abuse of children and adults, fictitious illness and other significant mental health issues.

Notable Public Law Children cases

- **Wokingham Borough Council v The Mother & Ors [2023] EWFC 196**
Fact-finding in care proceedings concerning allegations that parents assaulted children.

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- **Re M (adoption - notification of birth father) [2023] EWFC 17**
Adoption application in which court ordered that birth father be notified, but birth mother refused to reveal his name, and he could not be identified.
- **Re C [2019]**
Acted for 3 teenage children in 12-day final hearing involving allegations of physical and emotional abuse, and managing complex family dynamics
- **Re H [2017-2018]**
Represented Local Authority in 10-day fact-finding hearing against 2 silks, involving allegations of rape and attempted murder.
- **Re F [2017-2018]**
Represented Local Authority in 10-day fact-finding hearing against 2 silks involving non-accidental injuries and conflicting expert medical evidence.

Private Law Children

Oliver has significant experience of dealing with complex and entrenched cases between parents and provides a robust yet realistic approach to the resolution of these family disputes. He has particular expertise in cases where the subject children are themselves parties to the proceedings and in dealing with litigants in person, and is often able to assist the parties to navigate an appropriate outcome after years of litigation.

Memberships

- FLBA

Education

- Downing College, Cambridge
- Inns of Court School of Law

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