



Simon Miller

Call: 1996

Simon is a children law specialist, having practised exclusively in children matters for more than 20 years since pupillage. He represents local authorities, parents and children's guardians at all levels of court up to and including the Court of Appeal on a wide range of matters including cases of neglect, serious injury or death, sexual abuse and factitious illness.

In private law matters, Simon typically handles cases involving disputes over contact, alienation and domestic violence. He has also represented clients on matters of this kind where there is an international dimension to the case.

Simon has also been involved in matters in respect of international adoptions, Court of Protection and mental health review tribunals. Other unique cases of interest have involved sperm donation, Jehovah Witnesses, human rights, and applications under the inherent jurisdiction.

Public Law Children

Simon has specialised in children law for more than 20 years. He appears regularly for a number of local authorities, as well as parents and children's guardians in cases relating to complex medical issues including bruising, fractures (vitamin D), head injuries, sexual abuse, factitious illness, and the death of children.

In addition, he has also provided representation on cases involving domestic violence, chronic neglect, drugs and/or alcohol abuse, learning disabilities and mental health issues.

Simon has also undertaken pro bono cases.

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Notable Public Law Children cases

- **Re M (Deprivation of Liberty in Scotland) [2019] EWHC 1510 (Fam)**
An important case which examined the approach to be taken when an English child is accommodated under an interim care order in a placement in Scotland that has not been approved by the Scottish Ministers for the provision of secure accommodation and is subject to deprivation of liberty orders.
- **Re S [2013] EWHC 15; [2013] All ER (D) 187**
Fact-finding. Acting for the children. Mother and Father represented by QCs. Maternal grandparents representing themselves.
- **A Local Authority v W & B March [2011] High Court Family Division**
Three-week fact-finding hearing into serious head and brain injuries to a six-month-old baby at the hands of the mother and/or father.

Private Law Children

Simon has significant experience of cases featuring parental hostility to contact and alienation, domestic violence and cases with an international element.

Publications

- Parental Opposition to Adoption: The Two-Stage Test (with Piers Pressdee QC) (Family Law, November 2007)

Memberships

- Family Law Bar Association
- Association of Lawyers for Children
- British Association for the Study and Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect
- British Association for Adoption and Fostering

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