



Kate Yeomans

Barrister

Year of Call: 2007

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Specialist areas

Adoption and Special Guardianship
Care Proceedings
Child Arrangements
Domestic Violence

Profile

Kate Yeomans is an experienced and tenacious advocate, who regularly represents, applicants and respondents at all stages of proceedings, including multi-day fact-find and final hearings.

Kate is adept at building a rapport with clients swiftly, to ensure that they feel at ease and have confidence in her representation. Whilst maintaining an ability to empathise with her clients over issues that are important to them, she never shies away from delivering robust advice.

Whilst recognising the benefits of negotiation and compromise, Kate is a determined and forthright advocate who is always willing and prepared to fight for her clients.

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

- Chronic neglect
- Drug and alcohol abuse (including FDAC proceedings)
- Adoption
- Special Guardianship
- Inflicted injuries
- Domestic Violence
- Child arrangements disputes, including intractable contact disputes
- National and International Relocation
- Parental Alienation

Education

University:
Nottingham-Trent University (2006)
Law School:
Nottingham Law School (2007)

Memberships

Family Law Bar Association
Midland Circuit
Gray's Inn

What our clients are saying

Kate is described as a professional and diligent advocate, who has an ability to think on her feet. She also has a reputation for being able to put particularly vulnerable and distressed clients at ease quickly.

Cases

Re C (Interim threshold not crossed) [2019] EWFC B5 (15 February 2019)

On behalf of a Grandfather, Kate successfully opposed the Local Authority's application for an interim care order, where the plan was to remove the subject child from the care of her client for the duration of proceedings. Kate successfully persuaded the Court that interim threshold had not been crossed, thus avoiding the need for public law orders and ensuring that the subject child remained in his grandfather's care.

Northamptonshire County Council v M, L, H, L, & N and E ((originally Re H-L (Summary Dismissal of Care Proceedings) [2019] EWCA Civ 704)

Following the conclusion of an 8-day Fact-Finding Hearing (which followed the Court of Appeal decision cited above), Kate's client (the Mother) was exonerated from having caused any of the inflicted injuries to her daughter and serious findings were made against the intervenor. As a result, Kate invited the Local Authority to withdraw their application for public law orders altogether and the case against her client was dismissed in its entirety.

