



Penny Van Spall

Barrister

Year of Call: 1998

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Specialist areas

Adoption and Special Guardianship
Care Proceedings
Child Arrangements
Domestic Violence

Profile

Penny Van Spall is an experienced child law practitioner specialising in both public and private law proceedings. Penny comes from a previous background of being a social worker and also a probation officer. Penny is able to deal with empathy and clear advice to those who struggle with capacity or mental health issues as well as those who are professional and articulate. Penny will work in an open fashion with clients and their instructing solicitors, assisting clients to understand the process and issues whilst also listening carefully to their respective instructions

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

- Serious non-accidental injury
- Fabricated and/or induced illness
- Female Genital Mutilation
- Sexual abuse
- Concurrent criminal proceedings
- Children/ families where special educational needs
- Chronic neglect
- Drug and alcohol abuse (including FDAC proceedings)

- Adoption including adoptions with international elements
- Special Guardianship
- Domestic Violence
- Child arrangements disputes, including both live with and contact disputes

Education

Sunderland Polytechnic...BA(Hons)
Communications Studies
Sheffield University...CQSW and Post Graduate
Diploma in App Socio Studies
Nottingham Law School...CPE
Nottingham Law School....Bar Vocational Course

Memberships

Family Law Bar Association
Midland Circuit
Gray's Inn

What our clients are saying

Penny Van Spall is described as an experienced advocate who is skilled at dealing with difficult issues in a straight forward manner. Penny is a child focused and empathetic advocate who will give difficult advice when required. Penny works hard to explain matters to clients.

Cases

F v F (2007 EWHC 2543 [FAM])

