



Rachel Watkins

Barrister

Year of Call: 1998

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Specialist areas

Adoption and Special Guardianship
Care Proceedings
Child Arrangements
Domestic Violence

Profile

Rachel Watkins is a family law specialist with extensive experience in complex and serious public and private law proceedings. Rachel's expertise spans the full range of child related matters including those involving non-accidental injury, incest, and honour based violence with many cases having the added complexity of concurrent criminal proceedings.

Rachel is regularly instructed by local authorities, the Official Solicitor, parents, children's guardians, children who require separate representation, intervenors and other persons seeking orders in respect of a child. Rachel also accepts instructions on a direct access basis.

Cases feature:

- Serious non-accidental injury
- Incest
- Forced marriage
- Deprivation of liberty
- Mental health and litigation capacity
- Honour based violence

- Chronic neglect
- Children beyond parental control
- Clients with learning difficulties
- Child arrangement orders including protracted disputes in relation to contact
- Removal from the jurisdiction of England and Wales
- Changing of a child's name or school
- Domestic violence including non-molestation and occupation orders

Memberships

Middle Temple
Registered pupillage supervisor

Cases

S-L (Children) [2011] EWCA Civ 1022 (Court of Appeal)

Y and E (Children) (Sexual Abuse Allegations) [2019] EWCA Civ 206 (Court of Appeal)

