



# Andrew Duncan

## Barrister

Year of Call: 2011

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### Specialist areas

Adoption and Special Guardianship  
Care Proceedings  
Child Arrangements  
Domestic Violence  
Financial Remedy Proceedings

### Profile

Andrew has developed a strong reputation in all areas of Family Disputes. He is regularly instructed in complex private and public law cases. He has developed a reputation as a fearless advocate who dispenses with advice in a frank and down to earth manner.

Professional clients can expect Andrew to be a team player, who goes the extra mile and values the importance of working together. Andrew is instructed across all levels of court allocation. He regularly deals with complex physical and sexual abuse allegations, and within the private law sphere has developed a trusted reputation for cases involving complex parental alienation.

Andrew represents Parents, Local Authorities, Children (directly or through their guardian), intervenors, grandparents and divorcees. Andrew without doubt has an ability to get straight to the point, he is a strong negotiator, and a resolute cross examiner.

Andrew is regularly instructed in cases involving complex issues such as; international relocation, parental alienation, significant substance misuse, mental health issues, domestic violence and non-accidental injury.

Andrew has participated as both Appellant and Respondent in many appeal hearings. A number of those appeals have resulted in re-hearings being directed.

Andrew also regularly accepts instructions directly from members of the public under the Direct Access scheme and sees many referrals as a consequence of his successes.

### Education

University:  
University of Sussex LL.B (Hons) Law (2009):  
University of Edinburgh LL.M Law (2010)  
Law School:  
BPP Law School (London)  
Bar Professional Training Course (2011)

### Memberships

Family Law Bar Association  
The Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn

### What our clients are saying

Andrew is well known for getting results and having a strong presence in the court room. Known for good communication skills, robust advice, and a forensic cross examiner.

### Cases

[Bedford Borough Council v CD & Ors \(Rev 1\) \[2020\] EWHC 3298 \(Fam\)](#)  
[Bedford Borough Council v CD & Ors \(Rev 1\) \[2020\] EWHC 1996 \(Fam\)](#)  
[Re B \(A Child\) \[2020\] EWFC 34](#)

#### Re CE (2020)

Andrew appeared for a mother, accused of parental alienation as assessed by a psychologist. Andrew was instructed late in the proceedings when a fact find, and welfare hearing were listed. His advice, and representation brought about agreement to the proceedings and resulted in the vacating of the fact find hearing and the child remaining in the care of his client.

#### Re B (2020)

On behalf of the children, Andrew successfully opposed an appeal brought by the parents and the children were removed into foster care and the conclusion of the appellate process.

#### Re TE (2020)

Andrew represented a father who faced a number of allegations of domestic violence over a decade. Following the fact find hearing the court found those allegations not proven and went on to find the mother was the aggressor in the relationship.

#### Re J (2020)

Andrew appeared as junior for a father to the sibling of a murdered child in the High Court. The case involved complex issues of non-disclosure, significant police disclosure, and a forensic enquiry into the conduct of foster carers at the welfare stage.

#### Re P (2019)

Andrew acted for the children where he sought the transfer of living arrangements of two children who were living with the mother to their father's care. This was a complex parental alienation case where the mother had previously made serious allegations of abuse against the father. The children were successfully transitioned at the conclusion of the case.

