



Abigail Turner Barrister

Year of Call: 2006

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Specialist areas

Adoption and Special Guardianship
Care Proceedings
Child Arrangements
Domestic Violence

Profile

Abigail is an experienced, diligent and respected advocate specialising in public and private law relating to children.

The empathy and sensitivity she shows towards her clients means she is frequently instructed to act in complex cases especially those involving vulnerable clients.

Abigail is the Head of the Private Law Team at Senate House Chambers. Abigail strives to achieve the best outcome for her client and is known for providing realistic and well-founded advice. She has extensive experience in negotiating consent orders on behalf of clients where previous agreement has not been possible and where detail has been key.

Abigail is regularly instructed in cases involving:

- Applications for contact including cases requiring the introduction or reinstatement of contact
- Change of residence including shared residence
- Parental alienation / malign influence
- Sexual abuse
- Drugs and alcohol
- Mental health concerns
- Safeguarding concerns including the involvement of social services

Her care practice regularly sees her representing parents, local authorities, interveners and children's guardians and her experience extends to cases involving:

- non accidental injury including "shaken baby syndrome"
- severe neglect
- sexual abuse including incest and in cases where a subject child is an alleged abuser
- alcohol and drug dependency
- domestic abuse to include allegations of the murder of a parent
- Cognitive limitations or vulnerabilities to include instruction from the Official Solicitor and instructions direct from a child
- Secure accommodation

Education

University:
University of East Anglia (2005)

Law School:
Nottingham (2006)

Memberships

Family Law Bar Association
Middle Temple

What our clients are saying

Abigail is one of a handful of barristers whom I immediately think of when a difficult case with labyrinthine facts and complex issues lands on my desk. If there's a fight to be had she has the heart, knowledge, expertise and intellectual armoury to meet the challenge and meet it well.

Abigail is listed as a leading junior in Family and Children Law in the legal 500.

Cases

B (a child) [2014] EWCC B55 (fam)