



Hannah Mettam

Barrister

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Specialist areas

Adoption and Special Guardianship
Care Proceedings
Child Arrangements
Representation of Children

Profile

Hannah has been ranked in the Legal 500 as a Leading Junior in Children cases since 2018.

Hannah has significant experience and expertise in Public Law Children matters, and some private law children in cases where serious allegations are made. A specialist in complex proceedings, Hannah regularly appears in cases involving the most serious of allegations and has a wealth of experience both in being led by Queen's Counsel and in leading other junior members of Chambers. Hannah regularly appears in High Court proceedings.

Hannah acts on behalf of Local Authorities, parents, children and intervenors in a wide range of cases including:

- Cases involving child death
- Serious non-accidental injury
- Fabricated and induced illness
- Admission of children to hospital for treatment
- Sexual abuse

Education

University: Nottingham Trent University (LLB 1st Class)
Law School: Nottingham Law School

Memberships

Family Law Bar Association
Inner Temple

What our clients are saying

Hannah is routinely requested in cases when a detailed and forensic approach is required. Her advocacy style is described as formidable and she is an extremely popular choice, for lay and professional clients alike, where cases require expert cross-examination. Hannah's client-care skills are second-to-none.

Legal 500- "A redoubtable advocate who inspires confidence in clients."

Cases

Z (A Child), Re [2020] EWFC B13

Northamptonshire County Council v AB & Anor [2019] EWHC 1807 (Fam)

O (A Child): Interim Care Order [2019] EWCA Civ 583

H-L (Children: Summary Dismissal of Care Proceedings) [2019] EWCA Civ 704

([2019] 4 WLR 70, [2019] EWCA Civ 704, [2019] WLR(D) 240; From England and Wales Court of Appeal (Civil Division)

P (A Child), Re [2018] EWCA Civ 720 ([2018] 1 WLR 4486, [2018] 2 FLR 893, [2018] 3 FCR 9, [2018] EWCA Civ 720, [2018] WLR 4486, [2018] WLR(D) 228

ES (A Child), Re [2017] EWFC B96 (03 November 2017)

ED, Re [2015] EWFC B84

X County Council v AB & CD [2015] EWFC 98

NCC v L & Anor [2014] EWHC 4828 (Fam)

Cooke, R (on the application of) v Director of Public Prosecutions [2008] EWHC 2703 (Admin) (2008) 172 JP 596, [2008] EWHC 2703 (Admin), [2008] MHLR 348

