



Hannah Mettam

Barrister

Year of Call: 2006

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Specialist areas

Care Proceedings
Non-accidental injury
Perplexing presentation/ fabricated & induced illness
Non-accidental injury, Including child death
Complex medical evidence.

Profile

Hannah has been consistently ranked in the Legal 500 as a Tier 1 Leading Junior in Children Act cases for several years.

In February 2023, Hannah was appointed as assistant Coroner for Nottingham and Nottinghamshire to support the Senior and Area Coroners across the full range of Coroner's duties for the county, including presiding over inquests.

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 King'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 interveners 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

Hannah is routinely requested in cases where 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, particularly where cases require expert cross-examination. Hannah is regularly instructed in cases involving very complex medical evidence, she has a sound grasp of medical conditions and processes and understands how to forensically explore and challenge medical evidence in a way that penetrates the real issues at the heart of a case, whilst also ensuring that this sometimes impenetrable medical terminology is entirely understandable for the benefit of lay and professional clients alike.

Education

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

Memberships

Family Law Bar Association
Inner Temple

Judicial Appointments

Assistant Coroner 2023

What our clients are saying

Legal 500 2023- "Hannah is one of the best junior barristers in children's law work. She is well known for having the expertise and experience to manage the most serious cases including those involving physical, sexual and emotional harm and cases concerning the fatality of a child. She is the go-to barrister who work extremely hard and is a formidable advocate."

Chambers & Partners 2022- "A respected barrister with a particular focus on public law proceedings. She is noted for her expert representation of parents but also acts for local authorities and children. She has experience in the Court of appeal." "She has the ability to take on any issue even at the last minute. She works tirelessly on cases that she is instructed on, bringing a great deal of experience. She is a persuasive Court advocate." "A magnet for complex family work in her area."

Reported Cases

Central Bedfordshire Council v F & Ors [2022] EWFC 130

Y (Leave to oppose adoption) [2020] EWCA Civ 1287

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

P (A Child), Re [2018] EWCA Civ 720

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

ED, Re [2015] EWFC B84

