



Michelle Christie

Joint Head of Chambers

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Specialist areas

Adoption and Special Guardianship
Care Proceedings
Child Arrangements
Representation of Children

Profile

Michelle is a specialist in the law relating to children. Her practice consists of approximately 90% Public Law through which she represents the full ambit of parties; parents including via the Official Solicitor, local authorities, Children's Guardians and children who can be represented in their own right.

Michelle has particular expertise in the following areas:

- Complex Care Proceedings
- Fabricated and Induced Illness
- Infant deaths and near fatal injuries
- Complex medical cases.
- Sexual abuse including inter-familial and inter-sibling.
- Running Care proceedings where there are concurrent criminal proceedings.

On occasion Michelle conducts complex Private Law Children proceedings involving:

- Allegations of abuse are raised.
- Parental Alienation.
- There is a high profile element.

Michelle has been junior to leading counsel on many occasions and has had the pleasure of being led by Jo Delahunty QC, Leslie Samuels QC, Cyrus Larizadeh QC, Darren Howe QC and John Vater QC. Michelle also acts as a leading junior in complex cases.

Education

University:
De Montfort University (1998)

Law School:

Inns of Court School of Law (1999)

Memberships

Family Law Bar Association
Middle Temple

What our clients are saying

Michelle is popular with Solicitors and Lay Clients as a result of:

- Her forensic skills and exceptionally thorough case preparation and analysis.
- The quality of her preparatory and written work, which has often attracted praise from the judiciary in judgments.
- Michelle's cross-examination techniques of experts and other witnesses.
- Michelle's exceptional advocacy skills are coupled with a very personable and kind approach to lay clients, which assist greatly in making the court process less daunting.

Cases

C (A child : Fact Finding : Delay) [2014] EWFC B72 (21 November 2014) ED, Re [2015]

EWFC B84 (29 May 2015)

NORHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL v (1) MZ (2) FD (3) FL (2015)

P (A Child), Re [2018] EWCA Civ 720 (11 April 2018)

Pro bono work

Michelle is very much committed to pro bono representation and is willing to continue to represent clients in circumstances where funding is no longer available and the interests of justice require continued representation.

