

William Baker

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Introduction

William specialises in Family Law Children Proceedings. He acts for parents, children through their guardians and Local Authorities in both public and private law cases in the High Court and County Courts.

William is a popular barrister of choice in cases involving complex cases in family law children cases and the Court of Protection. He appears routinely in the High Court and County Court. He is experienced in appearing in the Court of Appeal.

With his reassuring and calm manner, William is well suited to the sensitive issues involved in the cases and dealing with vulnerable clients. His thorough and inquisitorial approach is well matched for factually complicated cases.

Qualifications and Appointments:

LLB (Hons) Inns of Court School of Law

Memberships:

Family Law Bar Association (FLBA)

Association of Lawyers for Children (ALC)

British Association for Adoption and Fostering (BAAF)

Court of Protection & Social Care

William accepts instructions from family law solicitors and local authorities regarding matters concerning mental capacity issues, disputes as to medical treatment, residence concerns for vulnerable incompetent adults and Section 21A applications challenging authorisations of deprivation of liberty in a care home or hospital under the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DOLS).

Public Law Care and Adoption

In Public Law cases William acts for Local Authorities, parents and children through their Guardians. William also undertakes cases on behalf of the Official Solicitor.

He regularly appears in multi expert cases involving serious injuries, neglect, sexual abuse and death. He is experienced in representing people with learning difficulties and mental health issues, including cases involving the Inherent Jurisdiction of the High Court.

Reported Cases:

- RE L (CARE PROCEEDINGS: WELFARE) [2012] 2 FLR 1143
- RE B (CARE ORDER: ADJOURNMENT OF FACT-FINDING HEARING) [2010] 2 FLR 1445

Private Law Children and Domestic Abuse

In Private Law cases William is instructed to act in intractable disputes and complex cases involving domestic violence, sexual abuse and rape. William also represents parents in cases of removal from the jurisdiction. He regularly represents the Guardian Ad Litem instructed by CAFCASS or NYAS.