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OVERVIEW

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PRACTICE AREAS

Adult and Social Care
Children Private
Children Public
International

EXPERIENCE

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Alison has considerable experience in representing children in complex private law cases and has regularly appeared on behalf of NYAS/CAFCASS. Many of her cases include serious allegations of

physical, sexual, and emotional abuse. Alison has appeared in a number of relocation cases, both domestic and international and cases which have an international element in them.

Alison regularly appears within the Court of Protection and has represented all parties within this jurisdiction. She has appeared in cases which have involved complex factual and legal issues, and which have required a careful and forensic evaluation of those issues to ensure the core principles at the centre of The Mental Capacity Act 2005 have been preserved.

Alison has extensive experience within the field of family finance. She has regularly appeared in cases which involve high net worth clients and at all levels of court.

Alison has presented lectures and seminars to in-house legal teams as well as at the Local Government Conference. She is also a regular contributor to Family Law Weekly.

PUBLICATIONS

Case Summary Re P (A Child: Assessment of Kinship Carers) [2014] EWFC B73
Case Summary North Somerset Council v LW and others [2014] EWCOP 3
Case Summary R (A Child) [2014] EWCA Civ 270
Case Summary S v S [2014] EWHC 575 (Fam)
Case Summary Harrow v Afzal [2014] EWHC 303 (Fam)
Case Summary Surrey County Council v Al-Hilli & Others (4) [2012] EWHC 4394 (Fam)
Case Summary Re J & R (Children) [2013] EWHC 4100 (Fam)
Case Summary Constantinides v Constantinides [2013] EWHC 3688 (Fam)
Case Summary Shield v Shield [2013] EWHC 3525 (Fam)
Case Summary C (A Child) [2013] EWCA Civ 1257
Case Summary G (A Child – Intractable Contact) [2013] EWHC B16 (Fam)
Case Summary A (A Child) [2013] EWCA Civ 1104
Case Summary Saward v Saward [2013] EWCA Civ 1060
Case Summary K (A Child) [2013] EWCA Civ 895
Case Summary Re: E & F (Assisted Reproduction: Parent) [2013] EWHC 1418 (Fam)
Case Summary CR v SR [2013] EWHC 1155 (Fam)
Case Summary C (A Child) [2013] EWCA Civ 431
Case Summary Re LM (A Child) [2013] EWHC 646 (Fam)
Case Summary B (A Child) [2013] EWCA Civ 166
Case Summary Aintree University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust v J [2013] EWCA Civ 65
Case Summary A Local Authority v K [2013] EWHC 242 (COP)
Case Summary Re G (A Minor); Re Z (A Minor) [2013] EWHC 134 (Fam)

CASES

In the matter of the Children Act 1989 and in the matter of YC, PC AND KM (Minors)
[2013] EWHC 2336 (Fam)

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Birmingham University (LLB Hons)
Inns of Court School of Law
Family Law Bar Association
British Association for Adoption and Fostering
Barmark Committee (Bar Council)
Inner Temple
