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OVERVIEW

Amanda is a fearless advocate, practicing in public and private children cases. She has a keen eye for detail and is popular with her instructing solicitors and clients alike for her approachable manner yet robust advocacy. Amanda is often instructed in complex and demanding proceedings.

Amanda is a Director of Chambers.

PRACTICE AREAS

Private Law Children

Public Law Children

Local Authority

Inquests

EXPERIENCE

Amanda specialises in all aspects of private law cases. She is frequently go-to counsel for cases including finding of fact hearings and the involvement of a children's guardian. She is known to fight tenaciously for her clients and for dispensing realistic advice.

Amanda is an experienced advocate in public law cases, representing parents, family members, children and local authorities. She is instructed in complex cases involving factitious illness, non-accidental injury and sexual abuse. She is a compassionate yet effective advocate.

Amanda is committed to justice for all and will undertake pro bono cases via Advocate and Not Beyond Redemption.

Amanda has a justified reputation for her ability to quickly develop a rapport with her clients and meticulous case preparation. She has a particular aptitude for representing individuals who have barriers to effective communication.

TESTIMONIALS

“Amanda is a very dedicated advocate who cares passionately about her work. She is down to earth, and her approach calms clients.” **Legal 500, 2023**

“The client and I found you to be very well prepared, organised and methodical in your approach. You were professional and at the same time had a real personal touch and empathy for the client. An ideal combination.” **SH – Nottingham**

“The client thinks you did a splendid job for him and speaks about you in glowing terms (with very good reason, I must add). You were very impressive in court and at all other times when dealing with myself and the client. Look forward to working with you again soon.” **PH – Lincoln**

APPOINTMENTS

Commencing 1 February 2023, Amanda is an Assistant Coroner for Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Secretary to the East Midlands FLBA, 2016-2018

Midland Circuit Representative on the Bar Council’s Wellbeing at the Bar Working Group, 2017-2018
Circuit Junior to the Midland Circuit, 2014-2015

CASES

Nottingham County Council v Farmer & Ors [2022] EWFC 66

A Local Authority v MM, NM, MC, CM and W, X, Y and Z [2020] EWFC 65

Mental health awareness and suicide prevention in the family justice system: a different Covid-19 issue [2020] Fam Law 795

Inquests

Represented Nottinghamshire Children’s Social Care and Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children’s Board in a month-long Inquest touching the death of Amber Peat. Amber was a 13-year-old girl who

was found hanged in bushes not far from her family home. The Inquest drew the attention of the National Press and Article 2 was engaged.

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Called to the Bar by Inner Temple November 2005

LLB (Hons) University of Liverpool

Bar Vocational Course, MMU

Family Law Bar Association

Association of Lawyers for Children

Inner Temple

The Midland Circuit