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OVERVIEW

Siobhan is a leading junior and specialist family practitioner with extensive experience in all aspects of the law relating to children. She is “Amazingly robust, she gets through to the root of the case and is incredibly effective.” and “A force to be reckoned with who will fight hard for the client”. Her main area of practice lies in acting for children, parents, and extended family members in public law proceedings. She is frequently instructed to represent young mothers within care proceedings.

PRACTICE AREAS

Children Public
Children Private
Human Rights
International

EXPERIENCE

Siobhan is experienced in cases involving the international movement of children including both convention and non-convention abduction cases and other matters with an international element.

Siobhan undertakes court of protection cases and particularly in those cases which overlap with public law proceedings. She is qualified to undertake direct access work.

Siobhan sits as both as a Recorder and a Deputy District Judge. In addition, Siobhan is the Co-Chair of the Association of Lawyers for Children, a member of the Child and Family Law Quarterly Editorial Board and a member of the Nuffield Family Justice Observatory Advisory Council.

Siobhan is regularly instructed on highly complex matters including those involving the death of children, extensive medical evidence, allegations of non-accidental injury and extreme

sexual abuse. She has detailed knowledge of cases related to factitious induced illness and cases in which there are parallel criminal proceedings.

Siobhan has a particular familiarity with representing children in private law applications whether through their guardian in Rule 16 cases or separately. She represents parents within any private law parental disputes, with a specific emphasis on applications for domestic and international relocation.

PUBLICATIONS

Siobhan is a contributor to Capacity to Change: Understanding and Assessing a Parent's Capacity to Change within the Timescales of the Child

CASES

Re TA (A child) [2016] EWFC 21 (Fam)

Re R BL (A Child) (Supervision Order) [2015] Lexis Citation 47

A&B (Children) [2013] EWHC 4150 (Fam)

A & B (Children) [2014] EWHC 818 (Fam)

The London Borough of Barking & Dagenham v SG & Ors [2014] EWHC 3761

A Local Authority v J [2008] EWHC 1484 (Fam)

Westminster City Council v RA, B AND S [2005] EWHC 970 (Fam)

RE S (Identification: Restrictions on Publication) [2003] EWCA Civ 963

Re M (Intractable Contact Dispute: Interim Care Order) [2003] EWHC 1024 (Fam)

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

University of Kent at Canterbury

College of Law

Inns of Court school of Law

Family Law Bar Association

Association of Lawyers for Children

Middle Temple
