

## VICTORIA ROBERTS

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## OVERVIEW

A specialist in children law, Victoria is highly experienced in child protection cases. Victoria advises and represents local authorities, parents, relatives, and children. She is a robust, meticulous advocate; she is skilled at running complex cases efficiently and sensitively.

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## PRACTICE AREAS

Children public

Children private

International child abduction

Court of Protection

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## EXPERIENCE

Victoria undertook a common law pupillage and initially practised in criminal, civil and family law. She now practises exclusively in family law and the Court of Protection. She specialises in the law relating to children and is highly experienced in both private and public law.

Victoria advises and represents all parties. Careful to promote the needs of vulnerable clients and regularly represents older children directly she works collaboratively with professional clients, advising at the earliest stages of a case about experts and disclosure and adopting a problem-solving approach.

A robust and meticulous advocate Victoria has a forensic knowledge of the papers in her cases and is unflappable when issues arise unexpectedly in court. Her cross examination is precise and deliberate, and she is skilled at running complex cases efficiently and sensitively.

Victoria has an excellent reputation in child protection cases appearing at all levels of the Family Court. She appears in the High Court both with and without a leader and has appeared in the Court of Appeal.

Victoria is regularly instructed in the most complex care proceedings, including in cases involving alleged non-accidental injuries (fractures, shaking, bruising), fabricated induced illness, sexual abuse and child sexual exploitation, radicalisation, FGM, and forced marriage.

In private law children matters, Victoria acts in cases involving international issues, such as child abduction and leave to remove applications. She is also instructed where there are serious allegations of domestic violence and abuse requiring fact finding hearings.

Victoria also delivers lectures, seminars and training for solicitors and other professionals on matters relation to children proceedings.

Victoria accepts instructions on a direct access basis in suitable cases.

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## TESTIMONIALS

*Victoria is ‘prepared for anything’ (Legal 500). ‘Once you have instructed Victoria you can rest assured that your client and the case are in safe hands. Victoria has a forensic knowledge of the papers - she is so thorough and detailed in her approach, that she knows the case inside out.’ (Legal 500 UK Bar 2021)*

*‘She is reliable and goes above and beyond the call of duty for clients.’  
(Legal 500 2017)*

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## EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

BVC (Very Competent), GDL (Commendation), College of Law  
MA in International Relations, University of Essex  
BA (Hons) History (2:1), University College London  
Bar Vocational Course Exhibition (Inner Temple)  
FLBA  
ALC  
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