



# Bethany Stirling

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## Overview

Bethany is personable in her approach and quick to gain her client's trust and confidence. She is a well-prepared advocate and provides robust practical advice outside of court whilst also being able to present her client's case confidently in court.

Bethany has experience in all areas of family law including contested private and public children matters and financial remedy applications both at FDR stage and final hearing.

Bethany has represented clients in a wide range of housing matters, including proceedings relating to possession, disrepair, injunctions, and committals.

Prior to joining Chambers, Bethany worked in the Court of Protection department at Shoosmiths LLP for two years and volunteered as a Childline Counsellor.

Please see the specialist profiles for further information.

## Practice Areas

### Family - Finance

Bethany has represented clients at all stages of finance proceedings including first appointment, preliminary issue, Financial Dispute Resolution, final hearing and enforcement.

Bethany has experience in a wide range of family finance matters including cases involving:

- Claims for spousal maintenance;
- Enforcement of consent orders;
- Complex pension assets including public sector pensions;
- Business assets;
- Non-engagement of a party;
- Dissipation of assets.

Bethany has also represented parties in applications pursuant to the Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act 1996.

## Private Law Children

Bethany accepts instructions in private law proceedings acting for both parents and children (through their rule 16.4 Guardian).

Bethany is well equipped at dealing with directions hearings, final hearings and fact-finding hearings.

Bethany has experience in cases involving allegations of parental alienation, domestic abuse, sexual abuse, and physical abuse against children.

Bethany prides herself on her robust but approachable manner and her ability to put the most vulnerable clients at ease. Bethany has also undertaken the Family Law Bar Association's vulnerable witness training.

## Public Law Children

Bethany accepts instructions in public law proceedings acting for local authorities, parents and children (through their guardian) at all stages of hearings including, contested interim removals, case management, issues resolution hearings, fact finding hearings and final hearings.

Bethany prides herself on her robust but approachable manner and her ability to put the most vulnerable clients at ease. Bethany has also undertaken the Family Law Bar Association's vulnerable witness training.

Bethany has experience in cases involving the following issues:

- Fabricated and/or induced illness;
- Domestic abuse;
- Chronic neglect;
- Sexual abuse;
- Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards;
- Serious non-accidental injury;
- Designation.

## Housing

Bethany regularly acts for clients in a range of housing related matters including but not limited to:

- Possession;
- Injunctions;
- Anti-social behaviour and nuisance;
- Disrepair;

and committals.

Bethany welcomes instructions from an early stage and is able to assist in drafting pleadings, skeleton arguments and written advice.

Bethany has experience in representing clients at all stages of proceedings, from application hearings to trials. Known for being a robust and practical advocate, Bethany provides commercially sensible advice and is adept at putting clients at ease.

More recently, Bethany spoke at the Annual Housing Conference on Equality Act defences with a focus on disability discrimination and breaches of the Public Sector Equality Duty.

## Business & Property

As part of her practice, Bethany accepts instructions in a range of business and property matters including possession claims, landlord and tenant disputes, and claims under the Trust of Land and Appointments of Trustees Act 1996.

Bethany seeks to work collaboratively from an early stage by providing advice and drafting statements of case.

## Qualifications

Court appointed Qualified Legal Representative

PDSL accredited and International Mediation Institute qualified mediator

BPTC - VC - 2021

LLM - Distinction - 2021

LLB (Hons) - 2:1 - 2019

## Memberships

Family Law Bar Association

Women in Family Law

The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn

# Awards

Winner of the University of Law Plea in Mitigation Competition, 2021

Frank Quickfall Scholarship, Gray's Inn, 2020

University of Law ADR Essay Competition: "Why Ticking the Box Isn't Enough - Family Mediation Post-Covid" 2nd place, 2020

Winner of the University of Law Negligence Moot, 2019

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