



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 specialises in matters relating to children and accepts instructions in both public and private family matters.

In private law, Bethany has acted for both parents and 16.4 guardians, providing advice from FHDRA to final hearing. Bethany has also represented parents in multi-day fact finding hearings involving serious allegations of domestic abuse and abuse against children.

In public law, Bethany has experience acting for all parties. Bethany has represented parties during multi-day fact finding hearings where there are allegations of non-accidental injury and multi-day contested welfare final hearings.

Bethany has completed the Family Law Bar Association's vulnerable witness training and has experience both representing and cross-examining vulnerable witnesses and parties.

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

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.

Qualifications

Court appointed Qualified Legal Representative

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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