



Holly Hilbourne-Gollop

Year of Call: 2018

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Overview

Holly is a highly regarded family barrister who specialises in matters relating to children, she accepts instructions in both private and public family matters. She is known for her robust approach and meticulous preparation, whilst always remaining sensitive to client care.

In public law, Holly has experience of acting for all parties, including the local authority, parents, children and intervenors. More recently, Holly has regularly appeared in lengthy complex proceedings. She has been instructed in cases involving the most serious allegations, including injuries, sexual abuse and the death of a child.

In private law, Holly has a broad practice ranging from child arrangements, international cases and surrogacy cases. Holly often takes cases on from the initial case management stage, providing a continuous and consistent service to clients throughout their proceedings. Holly provides realistic advice, whilst always being prepared to robustly put her client's case.

She is ranked in the Legal 500 (2023 and 2024) as a Tier 1 Rising Star.

Practice Areas

Private Law Children

Holly has a varied private law practice, appearing on behalf of both parents and children (through their rule 16.4 Guardian). Holly appears at all stages of proceedings and always provides an exceptional level of client care.

Holly is adept at dealing with various applications in private law, including:

- Child Arrangements Order
- Applications to vary a Child Arrangements Order
- Enforcement of Child Arrangements Orders
- Specific Issue Orders
- Prohibited Steps Order

Holly has experience in cases involving parental alienation, emotional abuse, allegations of sexual abuse, fabricated illness and physical abuse. She is often instructed in multi-day fact-find and final hearings.

Holly also has experience in fertility/surrogacy law, having recently secured a Parental Order before Mr Justice Hayden sitting in the High Court at the Royal Courts of Justice.

Public Law Children

Holly is regularly instructed on behalf of local authorities, parents, children's guardians and intervenors in public law proceedings. Holly has experience dealing with case management hearings, contested removals, urgent applications and multi-day hearings.

She has experience of cases involving:

- Head injuries;
- Fabricated or induced illness (FII);
- Inflicted injuries;
- Sexual abuse and inter-sibling sexual activity;
- Forced marriage;
- Child death.

Holly was recently led in the case of Birmingham City Council v M & Ors [2023] EWHC 3312 (Fam).

Qualifications

First-Class Honours, LLB Law, Bournemouth University, 2017

Outstanding, Bar Professional Training Course, University of Law Birmingham, 2018

Awards/Scholarships

Wig Award, University of Law Birmingham, 2018

Highest Mark BPTC in Civil Litigation, University of Law, 2018

BPTC Scholarship, The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn, 2017

Highest Mark in IP LLB, Bournemouth University, 2017

Academic Excellence Scholarship, Bournemouth University, 2013

Recommendations

Legal 500 2024: Tier 1 Rising Star - 'Holly's knowledge and advocacy skills far surpass her year of call. She provides clients with clear, concise and helpful advice while ensuring they are reassured and well-represented.'

Legal 500 2023: Tier 1 Rising Star - 'Holly is an extremely robust and capable advocate. She prepares meticulously and is very reassuring with clients. She is a very safe pair of hands.'

Reported Cases

Birmingham City Council v M & Ors [2023] EWHC 3312 (Fam)

Holly Hilbourne-Gollop was led by Timothy Bowe KC, representing the children. The case was a combined fact-find and welfare hearing regarding allegations of sexual abuse of two half-siblings.

To read this reported case, please click [here](#).

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