

Caroline Elford



YEAR OF CALL: 2002

INN: INNER TEMPLE

JUDICIAL OFFICE: DEPUTY
DISTRICT JUDGE

“ A barrister who shows passion in her work.”
LEGAL 500, 2022
CHILD LAW (PUBLIC AND PRIVATE)

Practice Overview

Caroline is a specialist family barrister who practises in all areas of family law with a strong emphasis on care proceedings. Her practice in this area has given her a detailed knowledge of the appropriate procedural law and she is known for her effectiveness as an advocate and a lawyer in technical applications.

She is a natural and experienced choice to represent local authorities in applications for public interest immunity. Her experience of matters in which social services are involved makes her very familiar with the nature of the material in dispute and because she formerly practised in crime she is perfectly placed to understand the issues in the criminal case.

Areas of Expertise

Court of Protection

Caroline is a specialist family barrister who practises in all areas of family law with a strong emphasis on care proceedings. Caroline also accepts instructions in respect of court of protection matters.

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Family & Divorce

Children Private Law

Caroline has appeared in the High Court in complex contact proceedings representing the guardian. She is often instructed where findings of fact as to sexual abuse are to be made; in these cases her experience of care proceedings is an obvious benefit. She further acts in cases of removal from the jurisdiction.

Children Public Law

Caroline has extensive experience of care proceedings in the High Court, County Court and Family Proceedings Court where she represents local authorities, parents, guardians and the Official Solicitor. Recent matters in which

Caroline has been instructed have included cases of:

- ▶ Non-accidental injury
- ▶ Sexual abuse
- ▶ Incest
- ▶ Factitious illness syndrome (Munchausen syndrome by proxy)

Recommendations

"Recommended for complex care cases."

LEGAL 500, 2021
FAMILY AND CHILDREN LAW

"Very experienced in children law matters."

LEGAL 500, 2019
FAMILY AND CHILDREN LAW

Appointments:

- ▶ Deputy District Judge

Qualifications & awards:

- ▶ MA Law Bristol, BMus Honours Music; 2:1, Otto Rix awarded Inner Temple 2002

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