

Judi Evans

Head of Family & Divorce



YEAR OF CALL: 1996

INN: MIDDLE TEMPLE

“ Judi is exceptional on all counts. Her client care is absolutely excellent and her ability to command authority with judges is without parallel.” “She is very creative in forming her arguments.”

CHAMBERS UK, 2022

FAMILY/MATRIMONIAL

Practice Overview

Judi is Head of our Family & Divorce team, and practises across public and private family law, with particular expertise in cases of abduction and international relocation of children

In complex public law cases she is involved in multiple parties, significant injuries and complex medical evidence. In private law proceedings she is instructed in parental alienation, allegations of physical and sexual abuse, and complex jurisdictional issues.

She is commended for her passionate style of advocacy and her commitment to her clients.

Judi also advises and represents local authorities, family members and the subject person on all matters including DOLS both in the County and the High Court.

Judi has had key involvement in creating and implementing change to help litigants in person access the Family Justice System.

Areas of Expertise

Family & Divorce

Children Private Law

Judi is Head of our Family & Divorce team, and specialises in children private law proceedings where she is instructed in parental alienation, allegations of physical and sexual abuse, and complex jurisdictional issues.

She is commended for her passionate style of advocacy and her commitment to her clients.

Judi represents local authorities, parents, children's guardian's and the Official Solicitor in the County Court and High Court and has appeared in the Court of Appeal.

She also has an interest in representing learning disabled parents, ensuring their disabilities are fully taken into account with appropriate assessment during proceedings.

Judi has had key involvement in creating and implementing changes to help litigants in person access the Family Justice System.

Children Public Law

Judi is Head of our Family & Divorce team, and practises in all areas of family law, with a particular specialisation in public law proceedings, removal from the jurisdiction, abduction, and international relocation. She is commended for her passionate style of advocacy and her commitment to her clients.

She has a particular expertise in lengthy care proceedings with complex factual and medical evidence such as factitious illness, sexual abuse, multiple fractures, serious head injuries, inter-generational abuse and complex cultural issues involving allegations of exorcism and spirit possession.

Judi also has an interest in representing learning disabled parents, ensuring their disabilities are fully taken into account with appropriate assessment during proceedings.

She represents local authorities, parents, children's guardian's and the Official Solicitor in the County Court and High Court and has appeared in the Court of Appeal.

Judi has had key involvement in creating and implementing changes to help litigants in person access the Family Justice System.

Court of Protection

Judi advises and represents local authorities, family members and the subject person on all matters including DOLS both in the County and the High Court in Court of Protection matters.

Recommendations

"Judi is a dogged and robust fighter unreservedly committed to her client's cause."

LEGAL 500, 2022
CHILD LAW (PUBLIC AND PRIVATE)

She is excellent with children and has a wide knowledge of both public and private law. She is a strong advocate."

CHAMBERS UK, 2021
FAMILY AND CHILDREN LAW

"Highly knowledgeable, excellent with clients and a formidable advocate."

LEGAL 500, 2021
FAMILY & CHILDREN LAW

"Heads the family and divorce team at the set, and maintains a strong reputation for her work in the public sphere, particularly on non-accidental injury cases concerning abuse allegations. 'She's excellent, and is a heavyweight care practitioner.' 'I trust her to represent us strongly and give sound, robust legal advice.' "

CHAMBERS UK, 2020
FAMILY/MATRIMONIAL

"Highly knowledgeable, excellent with clients and a formidable advocate."

LEGAL 500, 2020
FAMILY AND CHILDREN LAW

"Heads the family practice group at the set, 'Excellent at cross-examination.' 'Exceptionally strong in negotiation and advocacy.' "

CHAMBERS UK, 2019
FAMILY/MATRIMONIAL

"Straight talking and stalwart."

LEGAL 500, 2019
FAMILY AND CHILDREN LAW

Recent Cases

- **Q v Q, Re B (A Child), Re C (A Child)** [2014] EWFC 31

- ▶ P (A Child) [2010] EWCA 672
- ▶ B (Children) [2008] EWCA Civ

Qualifications & awards:

- ▶ LLB Hons (hons) MPhil (Cantab)

Contact Judi:

judi.evans@stjohnschambers.co.uk

Contact the clerks:

T: 0117 923 4720

E: familyclerks@stjohnschambers.co.uk