

Dominik Morton – Family Law



YEAR OF CALL: 2018

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Practice Overview

Dominik is a member of the St John's Chambers Family & Divorce team, having formerly been a barrister at Queen Square Chambers.

Dominik is praised by many of his lay and professional clients as well as members of the judiciary for his personable, empathetic, and down-to-earth approach. He is excellent at dealing with clients from a number of different backgrounds and is skilled at advocating a client's case in a professional, concise, and persuasive manner. He has considerable experience with sensitive and complicated matters, both in relation to Family and Criminal Law, and regularly represents and advises vulnerable and victimised individuals in a variety of matters.

Family Law

Dominik attends courts across the Western Circuit, assisting clients in highly emotional and complicated care proceedings. He is regularly instructed to represent local authorities, parents and the children's guardian at initial hearings, EPOs and ICOs through to contested multi-day final hearings and fact-finding hearings.

Dominik is regularly instructed to represent privately paying and legally aided clients in all disputes relating to the welfare of the children. He is instructed to represent clients at FHDRAs, DRAs, contested multi-day final hearings and fact-finding hearings.

He has also supported and represented a number of vulnerable individuals in proceedings relating to non-molestation orders and occupation orders. Dominik has considerable experience in dealing with clients at ex-parte and return date hearings through to contested final hearings.

Recent cases include:

- ▶ Re E (August 2022) – Dominik was junior counsel to Abigail Bond for the local authority in a fifteen-day fact-finding hearing. The hearing involved allegations of fabricated and induced illness and domestic violence. Dominik was also heavily involved with case management up until the fact-finding hearing.
- ▶ L v K (July 2022) – represented the respondent child through NYAS at a three-day fact-finding hearing involving various allegations of parental alienation. Dominik also represented the child in the lead-up to, and after, the fact-finding hearing at various case management hearings.

- ▶ Re O (June 2022) – represented the respondent mother at a contested three-day final hearing where the local authority's proposed care plan was one of adoption. The case involved issues of domestic violence, substance misuse, and mental health in respect of the parents.
- ▶ Re S (May 2022) – represented the respondent child through her guardian at a contested six-day final hearing where the local authority's proposed care plan was one of adoption. The case involved issues of domestic violence, substance misuse, historical criminality, and mental health of the parents.
- ▶ T v G (May 2022) – represented the respondent mother at a three-day fact-finding hearing where the respondent mother had made allegations against the applicant father of rape, sexual touching without consent, and indecent exposure.
- ▶ Re H (February 2022) – represented the respondent mother in a case in the High Court where her child had been deprived of her liberty under section 3 of the Mental Health Act 1983. She currently resides in a psychiatric hospital.
- ▶ Re D (December 2021) – represented the respondent father at a ten-day fact-finding hearing. The issues revolved around neglect of the children due to them being severely obese for their respective ages. Dominik was also heavily involved with case management in the lead-up to, and after, the fact-finding hearing.
- ▶ Re M (October 2021) – represented the respondent mother at an IRH in the High Court. After lengthy discussions, the parties came to an agreement whereby there would be a gradual progression towards reunification between the respondent mother and her child.

Professional memberships

- ▶ Family Law Bar Association (FLBA)
- ▶ Western Circuit
- ▶ Human Rights Lawyers Association (HRLA)

Qualifications & awards

- ▶ 2017 – 2018: Bar Professional Training Course (UWE) – Outstanding
- ▶ 2016 – 2017: Master of Laws in Human Rights Law (Bristol) – Distinction
- ▶ 2013 – 2016: Bachelor of Laws (UWE) – First Class Degree
- ▶ Joint Highest Mark for Criminal Litigation and Evidence on the BPTC (July 2018).
- ▶ Best Performance in the Human Rights Law LLM Pathway (Feb 2018).
- ▶ Denning Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn (Aug 2017).
- ▶ UWE Bristol Futures Award (Aug 2016) – for undertaking extra-curricular activities.
- ▶ 2nd Year Lyons Davidson Mooting Prize (July 2015) – for gaining the highest score and performing the finest advocacy in the year.
- ▶ Oxford University Press Law Prize (July 2014) – best student.
- ▶ Oxford University Press Legal Method Prize (July 2014) – best performance in the Legal Methods module.
- ▶ Stanley Cartledge Memorial Award (July 2014) – best performance in the Criminal Law module.
- ▶ Awarded a place on the Dean's List for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Year (July 2014 & July 2016) – For demonstrating the highest standard of achievement across all modules during all three years of my degree.

Additional information:

In his spare time, Dominik enjoys playing golf, going for walks in the great outdoors, and rock climbing. On occasion, Dominik can also be found sitting in a random pub garden enjoying the weather.

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