



GARDEN COURT CHAMBERS

Katharine Marks

YEAR OF CALL: 1998



Katharine is an experienced advocate who specialises in all aspects of private and public children's law. She has excellent client care skills and is very experienced in representing vulnerable clients. She is particularly skilled at giving sympathetic yet realistic advice.

"Katharine's technical ability is very impressive and the legal insight and advice she gives to instructing solicitors and clients are invaluable."

CHAMBERS UK, 2024

"Katharine is our first choice when selecting Counsel. Aside from being an outstanding barrister, she is an incredible person to work with, with a friendly disposition."

SOLICITOR

"Katharine always assists above and beyond what is required in all the cases she is instructed on. Many of my clients have referred family and friends who wish to instruct Katharine specifically."

SOLICITOR

"Just wanted to say thank you for what you have done for us. The result is amazing. Can't thank you both enough."

LAY CLIENT

"She is very personable and her legal knowledge and advocacy skills are very good."

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FAMILY LAW: CHILDREN'S LAW

Katharine is regularly instructed on behalf of parents, extended family members and children in cases involving the following issues:

Non-accidental injury involving complex and disputed medical evidence

Allegations of sexual abuse

Serious domestic violence

Emotional and physical abuse and neglect

Cases where there are concurrent criminal and care proceedings

Katharine regularly represents vulnerable clients who have a learning disability, mental health issues and substance misuse issues.

She has extensive experience in applications for child arrangements orders, special guardianship orders, specific issue orders, enforcement of orders and in intractable contact cases.

INTERNATIONAL FAMILY LAW

Katharine has experience in the following types of cases with an international element:

International child abduction to and from both Hague and non-Hague Convention Countries

Care proceedings where there is an international element including whether proceedings should be transferred under Article 15 of Brussels IIR

Applications for permanent and temporary removal of children from the UK to Hague and non-Hague Convention Countries

NOTABLE CASES

Re L (A Child) (Jurisdiction: Private Fostering) 2016 2 FLR 170

Katharine represented a Romanian father in care proceedings in the High Court. The issues were whether his daughter was habitually resident in the UK and whether the proceedings should be transferred to Romania under Article 15 of Brussels IIR.

FAMILY LAW

Domestic violence

Katharine is instructed in applications for non-molestation orders, occupation orders and transfer of tenancies under the Family Law Act 1996.

TRAINING AND SEMINARS

Katharine is one of the speakers at the Garden Court Family Team seminar program.

EDUCATION

LLB Hons (University of Leeds)
BVC (Inns of Court School of Law)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Family Law Bar Association (FLBA)
Association of Lawyers for Children (ALC)

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