



# Luke McLean

YEAR OF CALL: 2017



Luke has a very busy family law practice representing clients in public and private law matters.

Luke is eligible to take work from members of the public on a Public Access basis.

In addition to thorough and robust cross-examination, Luke's experience in criminal and public law allows him to give practical advice and solutions in complex cases. Luke is well-regarded by solicitors and lay clients for his down-to-earth approach.

Luke joined Garden Court in January 2021 after successfully completing pupillage.

An amazing barrister with great qualities - keep up the good work! It was a pleasure speaking to Luke and the way he explains things is really detailed and easy to follow."

CLIENT, 2024

"The solicitor was very happy with Luke. So much so, they emailed me to give compliments. Clearly, Luke has exceeded expectations."

CLERK, 2023

"I would like to thank Mr McLean for representing me at court and review his service as excellent. Overall, I would like to say many thanks for his service in this difficult case, which concluded in my favour."

CLIENT, 2023

"It isn't very often that you find barristers as passionate as Luke and willing to go the extra mile for our clients."

KAMAL CHANNA, SOLICITOR, 2020

"Luke is an asset to your team, his positive can-do attitude and polite demeanour put us at ease instantly, Luke was open and transparent on his thoughts on the case and gave clear direction."

CLIENT, 2020

"It's refreshing to work with energetic and enthusiastic Counsel. It really makes a difference with clients and makes my life much easier! I hope that we can continue to work with Luke, and look forward to many more court hearings"

CONOR JOHNSTONE, M.A.J. LAW, 2020

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## CHILDREN LAW

### *Public Law*

Luke has a busy public law practice acting for both the Parent and Local Authorities. Luke appears in ICO hearings, IRH and final hearings. Luke has substantial experience dealing with matters involving allegations of domestic abuse and drug and alcohol misuse. Luke has also appeared in cases relating to Non-Accidental

Injury and neglect. Luke has acted in obtaining Emergency Protection Orders and obtaining a last-minute recovery order in the High Court.

### ***Private children's law***

Luke has experience dealing with a range of private law matters including matters involving child arrangement orders, prohibited steps orders, and specific issue orders. He represents individuals at First Hearing Dispute Resolution Appointments, Direction Appointments, Fact-Finding Hearings and Final Hearings. Luke has also appeared before the Court making complex arguments. In a recent case, Luke successfully persuaded a Court to revoke parental responsibility.

## **PRIVATE FAMILY LAW**

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Luke has experience dealing with private law family matters involving non-molestation orders, occupation orders, and transfer of tenancy. Luke has been involved with various fact-finding and final hearings under the Family Law Act 1996.

## **FINANCIAL REMEDY AND TOLATA**

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Luke represents clients in proceedings under the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973. He represents parties at first appointments and financial dispute resolutions in financial remedy proceedings. Luke has also successfully represented clients in relation to parties seeking periodic payments for child maintenance and lump-sum payments under the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973.

Luke is also able to represent parties involved in TOLATA proceedings. Luke welcomes instructions in this area.

### **NOTABLE CASES**

**A v B 2021** – Successfully obtained child periodical payments order of £292.00 per month and a lump sum order of £4,500 for failure to pay child support on behalf of client.

**A v B 2024** – Successfully set aside property transactions, transfer of property order concerning property within the EU and obtained lump sum order of £51,000.

**A v B 2024** - Successfully negotiated an agreement on behalf of client. The respondent husband was a Barrister.

## COURT OF PROTECTION

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Luke is building a practice in court of protection work, particularly in relation to best interests determinations, mental capacity issues and lasting power of attorneys.

### NOTABLE CASES

**A v B 2024** - Advised and represented the respondent in an application to revoke two LPA's where it was alleged the donor was subject to undue influence.

## INQUESTS AND INQUIRIES

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Luke welcomes instructions in inquests and inquiries work. Before coming to chambers, Luke worked for a local authority on the independent inquiry into child sexual abuse carrying out a variety of tasks, including dealing with subject access requests and reviewing historical files.

Luke most recently worked on the Grenfell tower inquiry, carrying out tasks in preparation for the phase 1 hearings.

## WHAT OTHERS SAY

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*"Thank you for taking such good care of me during the court case. I never wanted to be in that situation, but you made every effort to make me as feel as safe as possible. I truly appreciate it."* - Client, 2024

*"Luke represented me yesterday in my child arrangements matter. I was very impressed."* - Client, 2024

*"You've done a good job today. Thank you."* - Client, 2024

*"Overall, I would like to say many thanks for your service in this difficult case, which concluded in my favour."* - Client, 2023

*"Thank you Luke. This is an amazing outcome!"* - Solicitor, 2023

*"Luke was happy to discuss the case and go through the evidence at length, meaning we were able to find the direct contradictions and faults in the prosecution's case." - Client, 2020*

*"Luke did an excellent job at drafting the representations which resulted in this case being discontinued." - Kamal Channa, Solicitor, 2020*

*"A massive thank you to Luke who represented two of our clients pro bono this morning. Combined, they had been detained more than 13 months through a pandemic. Two bail grants." - Bail for Immigration Detainees, 2020*

## BACKGROUND

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Before commencing pupillage, Luke worked for a local authority, working on the independent inquiry into child sexual abuse.

Prior to commencing the BPTC, Luke was very involved in his local community, helping members secure access to justice by informing them of their legal rights and ensuring they obtained legal representation.

After successfully completing the BPTC, Luke then went on to work on the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse for Lambeth Council.

Before commencing pupillage, he worked for the independent Grenfell Tower Inquiry team assisting with preparation for the phase 1 hearings.

He prides himself on being adaptable to working with both professionals and members of disadvantaged communities who often have real distrust in the legal system.

## EDUCATION

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BPTC, City Law School

LLB (Hons), City Law School

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

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Family Law Bar Association

Accredited Mediator (The Society of Mediators)

Gray's Inn

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