



# Jennifer Grehan

YEAR OF CALL: 2016



Jennifer is an experienced barrister specialising in Children's Law, Court of Protection and International Family Law.

Jennifer appears regularly in the High Court and family courts across London, Liverpool, Manchester, and the North West region, covering a wide range of areas, including non-accidental injuries, parental alienation, removal of children from the jurisdiction, to both Hague Convention and non-Hague Convention countries, Wardship and cases of radicalisation.

Jennifer is registered with the Bar Council for public access work and regularly represents members of the public who want to go to a barrister directly. Please contact our [Public Access team](#) if you would like to instruct Jennifer directly.

"Jennifer was conscientious and considered the nuances of the case, resulting in a favourable outcome in difficult circumstances. She received excellent feedback from the client."

SOLICITOR CLIENT, 2023

"Jennifer picked up the complex facts of my case quickly, representing the client fully and achieving a great result. Her nature with vulnerable clients leaves them feeling reassured, supported, and well represented."

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"I regularly instruct Jennifer on complex care cases - she is excellent with vulnerable clients and a very impressive advocate for my clients in court."

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"She is very professional and well-regarded by the clients' department and among my colleagues, who also like instructing her in their cases."

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"I have instructed Jennifer Grehan in quite a few of my cases and, as counsel for the local authority, her tenacity, knowledge and resilience mean she delivers for us each time, which is why I like instructing her."

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## FAMILY LAW

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**Public Law:** Jennifer has experience acting for Local Authorities, parents and Guardians in care proceedings including in cases involving non-accidental injuries, neglect, sexual abuse and adoption. She has particular experience representing vulnerable parents and parents with learning difficulties where capacity may be an issue. Jennifer's cases often involve Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards applications in respect of children and consideration of a family's Human Rights.

**Private Law:** Jennifer is regularly instructed to represent parents in Private Law proceedings where there are disputes relating to both residence and contact involving complex domestic abuse and neglect. She has experience representing grandparents and extended family members in Special Guardianship applications and

Child Arrangement Order applications.

Jennifer specialises in parental alienation representing parents and children in complex proceedings where contact has broken down and children have become estranged from parents. Jennifer places significant importance on proceedings taking the right course from the outset to ensure that these complex but uncommon cases are dealt with as efficiently and thoroughly as possible.

Jennifer has a wealth of experience in obtaining and defending non-molestation orders and complex occupation orders where beneficial interests and charges in and on the Family Matrimonial Home are involved.

## **INTERNATIONAL LAW**

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Jennifer is instructed to deal with child abduction cases involving the removal of children to and from the jurisdiction to both Hague Convention and non-Hague Convention countries.

Jennifer represents clients seeking to relocate to other countries with children and those seeking injunctive relief to stop a move abroad with children.

## **COURT OF PROTECTION**

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Jennifer regularly appears in the Court of Protection accepting instructions from families, local authorities, ALR's and the Official Solicitor. Jennifer acts in a full range of the Court of Protection's jurisdiction including;

**Personal Welfare Disputes**

**Best interest decisions**

**Challenges to Deprivations of Liberty**

**Lasting Powers of Attorney Disputes, including whether a party had capacity disputes**

**Disputes involving property and affairs**

Jennifer's background as an experienced family practitioner assists particularly in cases involving young persons who are in the care of Children's Services or Adult Social Care.

## **HUMAN RIGHTS CLAIMS**

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Jennifer provides advice to local authorities on Human Rights claims made by parents and children on wrongful accommodation of a child and failure to obtain proper consent.

## BACKGROUND

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Jennifer is a fierce human rights defender and in addition to her family practice, Jennifer worked as a Lead Investigator on the Hillsborough Inquiry leading to the criminal trials of those involved.

Jennifer has worked with Asylum Applicants and refugees in the UK and abroad, most recently working with Advocates Abroad in Lesvos, Greece providing legal assistance to newly arrived Asylum Applicants.

## EDUCATION

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**BA with Hons (University of Liverpool)**

**General Diploma in Law (College of Law)**

**Bar Professional Training Course (Manchester Metropolitan University)**

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

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**Family Law Bar Association**

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