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Practice Areas

Family
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Summary

Anne was called to the Bar in 2005 and undertakes all aspects of family law, including emergency work and has always had a strong commitment to publicly funded care work, receiving awards from the Law Society and National Pro Bono Committee for such undertakings. She also specialises in mediation and is an Accredited Mediator and a Trained Collaborative Lawyer.

Anne is a trainer with Resolution in Mediation Skills, and also an Affiliate Member of the Resolution. Before concentrating on being a barrister, Anne was a Family Solicitor in a private practice qualifying in 1987.

Anne is also a member of the Family Law Bar Association.

References & Recommendations

"I just wanted to express my sincere gratitude to you all for the hard work and skill you put into the finding of fact hearing and all the stages that went before. Clair has said that you were brilliant in court and obviously it was an excellent result. Clair is keeping hold of the case and I will dip in and out as required. Your input has been a lifesaver for me in these fraught times!"

Bernadette Carter

Reported Cases

N C C v M

Care proceedings on behalf of parent. Accidental death of sibling. High profile case. High court proceedings. Led by Queen's Counsel, Francis Oldham QC. Forensic and medical experts. Concurrent criminal proceedings. Ongoing matter.

K C C v U & U

Care proceedings on behalf of parent. High court proceedings. Sudden infant death of another sibling. Parents not from jurisdiction. Cultural differences. Numerous experts. New born child removed at birth. Outcome – rehabilitation.

N C C v H

Care proceedings on behalf of parent. Shaken baby injuries. Five medical experts (ophthalmologist, 2x radiologist, 2x paediatrician). Complex medical evidence. Mother of limited understanding. Finding made but child rehabilitated within two years.

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Professional Experience

Care

Anne is instructed to represent all parties in care and other public law applications. Her availability is often specifically sought out and requested to represent the most vulnerable of clients in what can be extremely complex proceedings. This can often include those with severe mental health difficulties (including those represented by the Official Solicitor), those who feel the 'system' has let them down or are in fact children themselves (either as a parent or with the capacity to instruct directly).

Anne's practice regularly comprises of cases that involve significant serious allegations of harm against children (including extreme violence and/or sexual abuse) extremely complex factual issues (which can often mean multiple parties and numerous allegations) and difficult/unique legal points, including those with no underlying established precedent or where there are issues in relation to international relocation.

Private Law

Anne is instructed on behalf of parents, children and other family members (usually as intervenors) in all manner of private law applications. She is often instructed for clients who are either vulnerable or who are alleged to have committed serious offences that are subject to complex fact finding proceedings.

More often than not, Anne's cases involve serious allegations against the other parent or family members such as murder, rape, and other serious offences. Anne's case load also encompasses cases involving issues such as who a child should live with when both parents are deceased or whether a parent should be allowed to move abroad with a child.

