
Fiona Farquhar

**Degree:**

BSc (Hons) Soton

Year of call and Inn:

2002; Inner Temple

Professional Membership:

Western Circuit; FLBA; ELA

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Specialist Areas:

Child Law

Practice Overview:

Fiona Farquhar practises in child law. She is also a qualified mediator.

Recommendations:

"She is extremely skilled counsel, highly respected for her attention to detail and preparation. She is a fearless advocate who is calm and authoritative and is clearly respected by the judiciary and her opponents."

Chambers and Partners 2022

"Fiona's advice is firm and clear, and she is excellent with both professional and lay clients."

Legal 500 2022

"Fiona is very user friendly with excellent attention to detail. Her advocacy skills are impressive and she has an ability to assimilate information quickly. I would be happy to brief her in any case including the most complicated fact finding. she is well respected by her peers and an all round excellent barrister."

Legal 500 2021

"Recommended for public and private children law cases."

Legal 500 2019

"Very experienced in children law matters."

Legal 500 2017

"She specialises in children law cases."

Legal 500 2016

Experienced in all types of children proceedings, including complex fact-finding cases."

Legal 500 2015

“Specialises in children law, practising in both the public and private arenas for a broad client base. She is often instructed on cases with medical aspects, including sexual abuse, non-accidental injuries and fabricated illness.”

Chambers and Partners 2015

“Specialises in both public and private law children matters.”

Legal 500 2014

“Acclaimed as a sensible and strong barrister with an impressive expertise in family law. She is praised for her advocacy skills and approachability. She focuses her practice on children matters. Fiona has a sharp legal mind and is quickly able to grasp the salient points of a case, delivering quality advice to the client in a language that they can understand.”

Chambers and Partners 2013

“Fiona Farquhar is extremely organised and always exceptionally well prepared”

Legal 500 2012

Areas of Practice

Child Law

Fiona is an experienced family practitioner specialising in children law. She practises in public and private law work acting for local authorities, parents, guardians, children and members of the extended family.

Fiona has experience of and regularly deals with:

Public Law Children:

- Non-accidental injuries; fractures, bruising, head injuries
- Fictitious illness
- Sexual abuse
- Neglect
- Parents with serious mental illness
- Parents with learning difficulties, including cases where the Official Solicitor is instructed
- Representation of children; including teenagers separately represented from the Guardian and children in secure accommodation applications
- PII applications.

Private Law Children:

- Complex fact-finding cases involving allegations of sexual abuse of children, domestic violence, sexual abuse and rape allegations
- Removal from the jurisdiction
- Residence, Contact, Specific Issue and Prohibited Steps
- Enforcement proceedings
- Family Law Act 1996 Applications.

High Court Cases of particular interest:

Re: YY - A case where there were found to be serious failings by the Local Authority and issues in relation to end of life consent.

Re: J - Care proceedings involving the abduction of the child from care.

Re: W – Representing the parents in a Secure Accommodation application. Significant concerns regarding child’s self-harming and attempted suicide.

Re: P – Representation of the Guardian in an application involving serious sexual abuse allegations against member of the extended family. An application was made to withhold disclosure of case papers from Father and to prohibit him from attending Court hearings.

County Court Cases of particular interest:

Re: C – Case involving serious non-accidental injuries to a five-week old baby

Re: NSC v T, D – Public law case involving significant injuries to a seven-week old baby. Head injuries and serious skeletal injuries. The significant feature in the case was an argument of dereliction of duty by the local authority in placing the child under the protection of the father who suffered from learning difficulties.

Re: B – Case involving serious non-accidental injury to a three-month old baby. Dispute between medical experts as to causation.

Re: R – Mother’s allegations of physical abuse of child by Father not evidenced. Expert evidence questions significant emotional abuse by Mother and significant personality disorder of the Mother, including fictitious illness syndrome.

Re: H – Representing the Guardian in a Secure Accommodation application. Significant concerns regarding child’s self-harming and attempted suicide.

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