

Ria Herbert

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Overview

Family barrister Ria Herbert joined 3PB in March 2021 from another Midlands chambers, where she had developed her own busy practice in a wide range of family law matters. Ria welcomes instructions in all aspects of family law and TOLATA proceedings.

Ria develops a great rapport with clients and is a popular choice with both instructing solicitors and clients.

Prior to joining the Bar, Ria worked for a family law firm in their Northampton office as a paralegal, giving her a strong foundational knowledge of family law. Ria also gained considerable family law advocacy experience working as an advocate at a mid-sized law firm in Milton Keynes. In this role Ria attended a variety of public law hearings and a large number of private law hearings, allowing her to build significant advocacy experience.

Outside of work, you will often find Ria watching true crime dramas and documentaries. Ria is also very passionate about music and has an extensive vinyl collection. She is also a volunteer with (IPSEA), which helps children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities obtain the support and assistance they require; and with the African Caribbean Leukemia Trust (ACLT) which promotes blood and bone marrow donation especially within Black and Asian communities.

Family

Care and Adoption

Ria Herbert is regularly instructed in multi-day final and composite hearings. She has a range of experience in this area including representing clients with limited or no capacity, FDAC proceedings and non-accidental injury and neglect cases.

Ria also has experience in applications for the revocation of care and placement orders.

Recent cases:

- **Re D**: led by senior counsel on a complex non-accidental injury case involving jurisdiction issues
- **Re F & H:** represented a mother with no capacity, through the Official Solicitor, in a 9-day composite hearing involving issues with child sexual exploitation
- **Re T, U & V:** represented a mother who had been sectioned in care proceedings

Private Law Children

Ria has experience representing applicants, respondents and guardians in private child matters. She is frequently instructed on multi-day final and fact finding hearings, including cases involving domestic abuse allegations and parental alienation.

Ria has been instructed on internal and external relocation cases.

Recent cases include:

- **Re H:** successfully represented a mother on her opposed application to relocate to Jersey with her child
- **Re G:** successfully represented a father in obtaining contact with his children after 2 years of parental alienation

Injunction and Domestic Abuse

Ria has considerable experience in representing applicants and respondents in applications for non-molestation and occupation orders.

Having previously worked in the Emergency Proceedings Department at a solicitors firm, she has extensive experience of applications of this nature.

Financial Remedies

Ria has experience of representing applicants, respondents and intervenors in a variety of financial remedies proceedings. She also has experience with Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act 1996 (TOLATA) matters.

Ria undertakes both written advisory work as well as advocacy.

Court of Protection

Ria has developed a strong interest in Court of Protection matters having represented clients with limited or no capacity and volunteering at a charity to ensure that children with special educational needs have the correct Education, Health and Care plans.

Ria is happy to accept instructions from local authorities or individuals.

Recommendations

Ria Herbert is ranked in the **Legal 500 2027** for Family: children in the Midlands.

'Ria quickly gets to the main issues in a case and is highly skilled in preparing the case based on its individual, relevant facts. Ria is a robust advocate and will fully explain to her clients the benefits of advancing their case in a particular way, whilst listening to their individual concerns.'
Legal 500 2026/Family: Children and Domestic Abuse/Leading Juniors/Midlands Bar

Academic qualifications

- BPTC, University of Law
- LLB (Hons), University of Kent

Professional bodies

- Member of the Inner Temple
- Member of the Midlands Circuit
- Family Law Bar Association