Grant Keyes



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Family

Financial Remedies

Grant advises and represents clients at all stages of financial remedy disputes, including the enforcement of final orders. He has experience acting for both applicants and respondents in financial remedy proceedings, including FDA and FDR hearings, final hearings, applications, and enforcement hearings

Grant has previously worked extensively in corporate organisations, including American Express, Channel 4, and Andersen Consulting, where he held director and senior management roles including finance management. This background provides him with valuable insight, particularly in complex financial remedies cases.

Children (Public Law)

Grant has extensive experience representing clients in a wide range of complex and sensitive cases, including:

- Serious non-accidental injury
- Fabricated and/or induced illness
- Sexual abuse
- Domestic violence
- Chronic neglect
- Drug and alcohol abuse (including FDAC proceedings)
- Adoption, including revocation of adoption
- Special guardianship
- Secure accommodation and deprivation of liberty cases

Children (Private Law)

In private law proceedings, Grant is highly skilled in handling Section 8 Children Act 1989 applications, including complex cases involving allegations of physical and/or sexual abuse, domestic violence, parental alienation, and Hague Convention. He has particular expertise in navigating entrenched disputes between parents.

Renowned for his exceptional advocacy, Grant applies a forensic approach to uncovering crucial details, always fighting resolutely for his clients. He is truly client-focused and maintains a robust yet composed approach, remaining calm in the most challenging circumstances.

Deeply committed to his clients, Grant prioritises doing what is right while upholding the highest professional standards. He provides clear, direct, and practical advice, ensuring his clients are well-informed and supported throughout their case

Client A *"Thank you again for today, it's going to take a while to sink in.....I've been waiting for the courts to decide on what they believe is the truth for years, and had prepared myself for the worst, but today's result was better than I could of ever imagined."*

Cases:

A Local Authority and MF and F and the child (via their guardian) [2024] EWFC 238 (B)

Re "Tim" (Fact-finding Care Proceedings) [2024] EWFC 194 (B)

H-W [2023] EWCA Civ 149: voted Family Law Awards' Case of the Year in 2022.

Re X, T, A, E &S [2020] EWCA Civ 1680 (Court of Appeal): NAI Fact Finding where judge had erred in his approach. Held that it was not open to the judge to find that T self-harmed as a result of the conduct of the parents.

Re S [2020] EWCA Civ 1382 (Court of Appeal): Judge found to had erred in his approach to, and analysis of, the medical evidence and findings of fact relating to a serious head injury suffered by the child.

Re H-B-S [2020] EWCA Civ 1027 (Court of Appeal): Judge had been wrong to discharge interim care orders in the middle of a fact finding.

Re AB, CD, XB & YD [2020] EWFC 15 (High Court): Fabricated illness and sexual abuse case with a Finding of Fact and client exonerated.

Re T (A Child) sub nom OCC v (1) A (Mother) (2) B (Father) (3) T (BY Guardian) (4 & 5) C & D (Paternal Aunt & Uncle) (2017): Successful challenge to foster carers to adopt with child returned to the family.

Re P (a child) NCC v (1) LC (2) GA (3) P (a child) (2015): A placement order was made where a two-year old boy's needs could not be met by either of his parents, who had abused drugs and exposed him to a chaotic lifestyle. Long-term fostering did not have the same level of security.

Academic qualifications

- Bar Vocational Course, BPP Law School, London, Very Competent
- Graduate Diploma in Law, BPP Law School, London, Very Competent
- MBA, Warwick Business School
- BA Economics, University of Leicester, 2:1

Scholarships

- Richard Yorke Scholarship, Gray's Inn
- CPE Scholarship, Gray's Inn

Professional bodies

- Family Law Bar Association
- Association of Lawyers for children
- Honourable Society of Gray's Inn