

# Jane Withington

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**Solicitor:** 2006

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## Family

Former family law solicitor-turned barrister Jane Withington (formerly Jane Hayward), who qualified as a solicitor in 2006, has a strong caseload focused on public law care work, where she represents all parties, including local authorities, parents, grandparents and children, amongst others.

### Care and Adoption

Jane Withington has represented parents, children and local authorities in complex cases including non-accidental injury to children, physical violence, FGM, sexual abuse, and fabricated and induced illness.

Jane has represented parties in care proceedings involving:

- Non-accidental injury and death of a child
- Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)
- Child Criminal Exploitation
- Parental drug and alcohol addiction
- FGM
- Honour based violence
- Secure accommodation
- Deprivation of Liberty
- Adoption
- Recovery Orders
- Special Guardianship
- Discharge of care orders and revocation of placement orders

Having qualified as an Arbitrator in the Children Scheme with the Institute of Family Law Arbitrators (IFLA), Jane is a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb) and she welcomes instructions to act as the Arbitrator in children cases or to represent clients at arbitrations.

## Recommendations

“Jane is able to communicate with the children and parents she works with in a compassionate way whilst being a strong advocate for them, in both public and private law proceedings.” **Guardian**

"an excellent communicator at all levels, demonstrating a calm and patient demeanour at all times. She has 100% commitment to providing the best representation with excellent negotiation skills." **Local authority solicitor**

"Jane has always presented inside and out of court as a professional and competent lawyer." **Barrister**

"She is extremely competent and personable." **Barrister**

## **Academic qualifications**

- LLM (Law - General), University of Law, Distinction
- LPC, College of Law, Birmingham
- Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) with Honours, University of Central England

## **Professional qualifications & appointments**

- Arbitrator, Children Scheme, Institute of Family Law Arbitrators (IFLA)

## **Professional bodies**

- Family Law Bar Association
- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb)
- The Honourable Society of the Inner Temple