



Jim Hirschmann

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Overview

Jim Hirschmann helps clients to navigate the law and resolve disputes. He often acts for families or for public bodies. He specialises in adult social care, child social care, education and family law. His caseload regularly concerns public law issues related to his core practice areas including judicial review proceedings and public inquiries.

Jim is hardworking, thorough, and adept at explaining complex law in straightforward terms. This is reflected in comments from solicitors such as "a huge thank you for everything you have done on this case which went far and beyond" and comments from judges about Jim's advocacy as "helpful" and "extremely clear."

Outside of busy work demands, Jim enjoys sport with a particular interest in rugby, running and hiking. He likes travelling and has an armchair interest in philosophy.

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Family

Jim Hirschmann advises parents and public bodies on their respective rights and duties. He has particular experience in cases involving children's social care, safeguarding issues, disability, human rights and related public law issues.

His background in family law is complemented by his expertise in education law and the Court of Protection. With a Master of Laws (LLM) in public law, he is well placed to advise clients in cases concerning the decisions of local authorities (including judicial reviews and claims for damages under the Human Rights Act 1998).

Notable cases include:

B v F - acted for a local authority that sought authorisation for the deprivation of liberty in relation to a young person found in a property known for heavy drug usage, including heroin. The case involved circumstances where there was no suitable secure accommodation unit nor children's home available. The inherent jurisdiction of the High Court was invoked to protect the young person whilst attempts to secure a more suitable placement continued.

G v H - acted for the local authority in a five day fact-find hearing and up to final hearing. Significant findings were made against the parents in relation to serious non-accidental injuries suffered by the child including a lip laceration, left radial shaft fracture, an injury to the left femur and multiple bruises. The case involved consideration of ambiguous expert medical evidence. Adoption and placement orders were ultimately made.

F v M - acted for a local authority in a contested seven day final hearing involving allegations of corruption, drug abuse,

domestic violence and peripheral serious organised crime. The local authority's care plan was endorsed and the final order that they sought was made.

B v Y - instructed to act on behalf of a local authority who sought an emergency protection order. The case related to children who had been exposed to prolonged neglect. The order was granted.

Re FL (a Child): [2020] EWCA Civ 20 - as a pupil, assisted in the successful defence of a special guardianship order in favour of a maternal grandmother.

Recommendations

Jim Hirschmann – 3PB 'Jim is always well-prepared and engages thoughtfully and constructively with opponents outside the courtroom. He has a well-judged advocacy.'

Legal 500 2025/Court of protection and community care/ Rising Stars/London bar

"A huge thank you for everything you have done on this case which went far and beyond".

Solicitor client

"Thanks for arranging Jim to cover the hearing yesterday. He was brilliant."

Solicitor client

"Thank you so much.You have been absolutely fantastic.....You are very professional, very helpful and have guided me so well in this case."

Lay client

Academic qualifications

- University of Law, BPTC: Very Competent
- University College London, LLM Public Law: Merit
- University of Westminster, LLB European Legal Studies: First Class Honours
- Erasmus, Free University of Berlin: First Class Equivalent (Averaged ECTS Grade A)

Scholarships

- University of Law, Performance Award for top mark in the Judicial Review Module (2018)
- University of Law, Master of Moots Advocacy Scholarship (2017)
- Lincoln's Inn, Hardwicke Entrance Award (2017)

Professional bodies

- Court of Protection Bar Association (Committee Member)
- Administrative Law Bar Association (ALBA)