

Jane Withington

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Overview

Jane Withington is a family law barrister at 3PB's Birmingham chambers, joining in October 2023. She brings over 17 years of experience as a qualified solicitor specialising in children matters and was accredited to the Law Society's Children Panel in January 2014.

Jane's practice centres on public law children work, representing local authorities, parents, extended family members, and children through their Guardian and separately. Jane conducts complex cases including those involving neglect, abuse and serious injuries, representing and guiding clients through every stage of the proceedings.

A robust advocate, Jane represents clients through every step of the court process—from urgent emergency applications to multi-day fact-finding and final hearings. She pairs meticulous preparation with steely resolve and delivers clear, candid advice. Highly driven and client-focused, Jane is unwavering in her commitment to securing the best possible outcomes for those she represents.

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 (ClArb) and she welcomes instructions to act as the Arbitrator in children cases or to represent clients at arbitrations.

Jane has also successfully completed the Advocacy and the Vulnerable Training Programme with the Inns of Court College of Advocacy and Family Law Bar Association.

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 (ClArb)
- The Honourable Society of the Inner Temple

Expertise

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

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