

# **Catherine Purdy**

Year of Call: 1997

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### **Family**

Catherine undertakes work in all areas of Family Law, including Children, Public and Private Law.

#### **Public:**

- Instructed by Local Authorities, parents, grandparents and Guardians
- Cases involving allegations of all types of "significant harm"
- Cases in the High Court, County Court and Family Proceedings Court
- Involved in "Operation Romulus & Remus": allegations included child sexual abuse. Hearing lasted 3 weeks
- Re: N (preliminary hearing reported at [2000] 1 FLR 134). Final hearing lasted 5 weeks.

#### Private:

- Instructed by parents and grandparents
- Residence and contact applications, including those with allegations of physical, emotional and sexual abuse and domestic violence
- Nullity cases: involving bigamy and non-consummation
- Domestic Violence
- Acts for both applicants and respondents in Family Law Act injunctions and committal applications, including Occupation Orders.

#### Finance:

- Ancillary relief applications, including interlocutory relief
- Schedule 1 Children Act 1989 applications
- Applications under the Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act 1996
- Inheritance Act applications.

Catherine is a Member of the Family Law Bar Association.

### Academic qualifications

BA (Oxon)

## **Professional bodies**

- Family Law Bar Association
- Personal Injury Bar Association (PIBA)
- Western Circuit