

Emma Griffiths

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Overview

Emma is an experienced family law specialist who practises in all areas of public and private children law and has a developing practice in the Court of Protection. She is fearless in her representation both inside and outside court to achieve the best possible outcome for her clients.

Recommendations

Emma Griffiths is instructed in public and private children law matters, including guardianship orders, as well as allegations of non-accidental injuries and abuse. She is very skilled at working with vulnerable parties in very sensitive cases.

"Emma is so knowledgeable and her experience is immediately evident in any matter. Clients also immediately warm to her."
"Emma is very strong on complex matters."
Chambers UK 2027/Family/Children/South Eastern Bar

Emma Griffiths is ranked in the Legal 500 2027 for Family: Children and Domestic Abuse in the Midlands and South Eastern.

"Emma is a very strong advocate and is a compassionate lawyer."
"Emma's client care skills are exceptional, she is gentle with her clients but is ferocious in court."
"Emma is meticulous in her preparation of a case."
"Emma is a very capable individual, she is professional and easy to work with."
"Emma is a safe pair of hands, she is experienced, realistic and engaging in court."
Chambers UK 2026/Family/Children/South Eastern Bar

Emma Griffiths leads the children law practice.
Legal 500 2026/Family: Children and Domestic Abuse/Leading Juniors/Midlands

Head of the children's group Emma Griffiths is also experienced in both private and public law mandates, as well as Court of Protection cases.
Legal 500 2026/Family: Children and Domestic Abuse/Leading Juniors/South Eastern

Strengths: "Emma is a really skilled, persuasive advocate who always fights her case and is great on complex arguments."
"Emma is a fantastic barrister. I know when I instruct her that my client's case will be thoroughly prepared, presented and fought, always in collaboration with me."
"Emma is an amazing advocate who is very experienced and skilled in family work."
Chambers UK 2025/Family/Children/South Eastern Bar

'Emma is a first rate advocate and fully commits to any case she is briefed on. She is an excellent advocate and her written material is also excellent.'

Emma Griffiths is 'an exceptionally gifted barrister' who is 'always clear and focussed in her submissions which are well prepared and researched'.
Legal 500 2025/Family: Children and Domestic Violence/Leading Juniors/South Eastern

'Emma is a first-rate advocate and fully commits to any case she is briefed on. She is a delight to work with and demonstrates she values her solicitors' input. She is an excellent advocate and her written material is also excellent. She is a first choice of barrister for almost any case.'
Legal 500 2025/Family: Children and Domestic Violence/Leading Juniors/Midlands

Strengths: "She was remarkably efficient in the work she was doing, clearly very much on top of the papers in the case."
"She is great on her feet and lovely with clients."
"Emma is an absolutely brilliant advocate."
"Emma is exceptionally kind and supportive to young and vulnerable clients, well prepared and always available to provide advice."
Chambers UK 2024/Family/Children/South Eastern Bar

'Emma is a conscientious, hard-working and extremely able barrister. Her preparation for cases is detailed but focused on the core issues. Her work enables cases to run efficiently but effectively for the client.'
Legal 500 2024/Family: Children and Domestic Violence/Leading Juniors/South Eastern

Emma Griffiths is ranked in the **Legal 500 2024**/Family: Children and Domestic Violence/Leading Juniors/Midlands edition

'Emma is clear and concise in her advice - robust and empathetic. She is a very safe pair of hands.'
Legal 500 2023/Child Law (Public and Private)/Leading Juniors/Midlands Circuit

'Excellent advocate with impeccable preparation. Generous with her time and supportive of vulnerable clients.'
Legal 500 2022/Child Law (Public and Private)/Leading Juniors/Midlands Circuit

Academic qualifications

- BA Spanish and Russian, Bristol University
- PG Diploma in Law
- PG Diploma in Social Care Law

Professional bodies

- FLBA
- Association of Lawyers for Children
- Bar Representative of Oxford Local Family Justice Board
- COPPA

Expertise

Family

Care and Adoption

Emma has considerable experience of acting in cases involving allegations of all types of "significant harm." She is instructed by parents, grandparents, local authorities and children's guardians.

Emma is particularly sensitive to the needs of vulnerable clients and those with specific communication needs. She is particularly skilled at supporting clients through what are often highly emotive proceedings while offering robust and pragmatic advice

Private Law Children, Injunction and Domestic Abuse

Emma has extensive experience of dealing with the range of Children Act applications, including highly acrimonious and intractable disputes, special guardianship and relocation (internal and external) cases.

Emma represents both alleged victims and perpetrators of domestic violence in applications under the Family Law Act 1986.

Emma gives practical and realistic advice and will seek to resolve issues by consent if possible. When this cannot be achieved, she is a tenacious advocate who has a forensic approach to documentation. She is always thoroughly prepared and fully conversant with the relevant legal principles and case law.

Reported Cases

K (Forced Marriage Protection Orders, Abuse of process) 2021] EWFC B94

MB v PB [2022] EWCOP 14

Court of Protection

Emma has a developing practice in Court of Protection and Mental Health Law. She has a Post Graduate Diploma in Social Care Law and is a regular contributor to 3PB Oxford's Quarterly CoP Breakfast Briefings. She has advised local authorities in respect of DoLS applications and issues of Ordinary Residence.

Articles

Emma Griffiths provides a whistle-stop tour of key principles, authorities and Guidance to signpost practitioners when faced with an issue about the appropriate legal framework for accommodating children who are subject to care proceedings.

View Article

3PB's specialist family law barrister Emma Griffiths provides an update on private law.

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