

# Esther Lieu

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## Private law

Esther is regularly instructed in applications for child arrangements orders, specific issue and prohibited steps orders, as well as injunctions, enforcement applications, fact-finding hearings and contested final hearings. In particular, she has experience in cases involving:

- Parental alienation/ intractable hostility
- Transfer of residence
- Disputed jurisdiction (within the U.K. and international)
- Internal and international relocation
- Allegations of domestic violence and finding of fact hearings

### Recent Cases

#### **W v W (2019)**

Represented the father during a 3 day fact-find within a long-running application for child arrangements orders, and successfully defended him in committal proceedings brought by the mother.

#### **B v B (2019)**

Acted for the father in successfully opposing the mother's application to relocate with the parties' children who lived with her.

#### **S v S (2019)**

Acted for the father following the unlawful removal of his children by the mother to Scotland. Successfully obtained an interim order that the children be returned to England and successfully argued (against the mother) that England retained jurisdiction to hear the matter. The children were returned to the father's care and he was ultimately granted a live with order in respect of both.

#### **E v E (2018)**

Represented the Children's Guardian in an application by the father for a transfer of residence. A fact-find established that the mother had alienated the father from the children; subsequently the Guardian recommended a transfer of residence which was ultimately ordered by the court following a contested final hearing.

#### **V v G (2017)**

Acted for the father seeking contact and then residence orders in respect of his daughter in a long running protracted matter in the High Court which included the appointment of r.16.4 Guardian, committal proceedings against the mother (she was found guilty of contempt), a finding of fact (which established that the mother had alienated the father) and the making of Interim Supervision Orders in respect of the child.

## Recommendations

"None of this would have been possible without your help and support – I am thrilled with the result and will always be incredibly grateful to you."

### Client

"Thank you for everything – for all the practical guidance, sound advice and the perfectionism with which you always drafted the pleadings and documents, all of which brought L to this point."

### Client

"I have felt very well supported by you throughout your involvement in this case and could not have been more confident in your representation of me in the court room"

### Client

"I just wanted to email to pass on my thanks as Esther has been fantastic and greatly helped with settling the financial case for the client as well a previously settling the children act case for another client as well."

### Solicitor

"Esther Lieu was outstanding, she was supportive and explained my options very clearly. She was very understanding and knowledgeable."

### Client

## Academic qualifications

- College of Law, BPTC (Merit) 2012
- Inner Temple Exhibition Scholar 2011
- College of Law, GDL (Commendation) 2011
- University of London, MA – Human Rights (Merit) 2006
- University of Bristol, BSc – Philosophy and Psychology (2:1) 2005

## Professional bodies

- Family Law Bar Association (Treasurer, Western Circuit)
- Human Rights Lawyers Association
- Immigration Law Practitioners' Association (previously a Trustee)