Emma Mabey



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Overview

Family law barrister Emma Mabey joined 3PB in Bristol in February 2024, having moved down from London where she had been a member of a well known London chambers since October 2021, following completion of her pupillage with the set. She continues to have a national practice.

Emma enjoys a busy and varied public and private law family practice particularly focused on children. She is regularly instructed to represent all parties including 16.4 guardians and intervenors in increasingly complex fact find hearings and final hearings. Emma also has experience of being a led junior.

Prior to undertaking the BPTC, Emma spent 16 years in children and families social work, focusing upon child protection and public law proceedings. She held roles ranging from case holding social worker to head of service. Her responsibilities included being the local authority decision maker regarding the initiation of public law proceedings and the accommodation of children. Having also spent a few years working with adults with significant learning disabilities, Emma is frequently instructed to represent vulnerable adults.

Emma has undertaken extensive safeguarding training including ABE interviewing. She has also designed and delivered multi-agency safeguarding and permanency training.

Recommendations

"An enormous thanks to you for all of your help, professionalism and patience."

Lay client

"Thank you for assisting my client to reach a conclusion to what has been a very lengthy and difficult set of proceedings. I am very grateful for your assistance. "

Instructing family law solicitor

"I am writing to thank you for the way you look after my cases. You are very thorough and the clients like you. I feel that in instructing you I am putting matters into a safe pair of hands. I would have no hesitation in recommending you."

Instructing family law solicitor

"I'm over the moon!! So happy that the truth prevailed - Emma is and was incredible."

Lay client

Academic qualifications

- Bar Professional Training Course, Outstanding, University of the West of England (UWE)
- Graduate Diploma in Law, Commendation, BPP Law University
- Diploma in Social Work (DipSW), Southampton Institute
- BA (Hons) Social Work Studies, 2:1, Southampton Institute

Scholarships

- Career Guarantee Scholarship, BPP University Membership
- Buchanan Prize, Lincoln’s Inn

Professional qualifications & appointments

- ADR-ODR International accredited civil/commercial mediator

Professional bodies

- Family Law Bar Association (FLBA)
- Lincoln's Inn

Expertise

Family

Emma Mabey has built up a busy family law practice, focussing on children matters. Her previous experience in social work has furnished her with an insight into practice, systems and processes which is advantageous when representing any party.

Within Public Law proceedings, Emma frequently represent parents and local authorities at case management, DOLS and final hearings. Emma also has experience of representing parents and local authorities in applications to set aside adoption orders and discharge care orders. She has also represented the Metropolitan Police in a disclosure matter.

Within Private Law proceedings, Emma has experience of injunctive proceedings, fact find and final hearings. Emma has also been successful in obtaining a costs order for PHD and Fact Find Hearings, when allegations were successfully defended.

Emma has also represented a local authority at a SEN Tribunal and welcomes further instructions in this area.

Recent cases of note:

CC v CM: Emma represented applicant mother in an enforcement and variation application following alleged breach of CAO. Breach of CAO proven, Financial Compensation Order made for legal costs of bringing the enforcement application.

S v K fact find – private family: Emma represented a father who was defending the allegations of domestic abuse and sexual abuse of the child. No findings made against the father of domestic abuse or sexual abuse. Full costs awarded in the father's favour for PTR and Fact Find.

Mr and Mrs A & a LA & others : Emma represented a father who sought leave to oppose an adoption order.

S v B fact find – private family: Emma represented a mother who had made extensive allegations of domestic abuse against her husband. All allegations proven; including of coercive and controlling behaviour.