

Rachel Temple

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Overview

Rachel Temple has 20 years experience as a family barrister, advising and representing clients in a wide range of family law matters including public and private law children work and domestic violence.

Rachel has practised exclusively in family law children's cases for the last 14 years and built up an exceptional track record in care work. Her increasing focus on complex public law cases has seen her instructed as both a leading junior and being led.

She has predominantly represented parents; although is frequently instructed on behalf of children (through their Guardian and for competent children directly) and represented wider family members with an interest in the case.

Academic qualifications

- BA Philosophy (2/1), Nottingham University
- PGDL, College of Law, Birmingham
- Bar Vocational Course (Very Competent), Nottingham Trent University

Professional bodies

- Honourable Society of Gray's Inn

Expertise

Family

Rachel Temple is a very experienced barrister specialising in family law children's cases.

Public Law

Rachel has been instructed in cases involving serious injury and death, sexual abuse (familial including inter-sibling and wider), parents with significant drug and alcohol addictions and relevant criminal convictions or lifestyles.

Regularly appearing in cases which involve serious concurrent criminal proceedings (including clients who have been indicted on murder charges, s18, sexual assault/rape, people trafficking), Rachel frequently deals with the complex issues that can arise between the jurisdictions. She is experienced at managing the enormous disclosure that often results from police, phones, and medical records.

Rachel has represented parents in numerous complex finding of fact hearings involving the cross examination of multiple experts, professionals and lay parties, such cases being heard by senior Circuit and High Court judges.

Private Law

Rachel has also maintained a busy practice in privately funded private law cases, many of which have involved finding of fact hearings to determine allegations of sexual abuse, domestic violence/abuse, and allegations of parental alienation. A number of those cases have involved an international element.

Rachel has accepted instructions in some publicly funded private law cases, often in circumstances where they are "quasi" care proceedings, with the children represented and the LA effectively choosing not to act where an application for a public law order may be indicated, but they have decided as a preliminary issue that a particular parent or carer is safe, albeit that has not been determined by the Court.

Articles

June Venters KC and Rachel Temple look at the recent landmark case of *Re E (A Child) (Complex Fact-Finding: Allegations of Domestic Abuse and Alienating Behaviours)* [2025] EWFC 422, in which they acted father at in the High Court.