

Sarah Tierney

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Overview

Sarah Tierney practises exclusively in children law and has considerable experience in public law proceedings. Please click on the link below to view her family law expertise.

Academic qualifications

- Manchester Metropolitan University LL.B (Hons)

Professional bodies

- The Family Law Bar Association
- Middle Temple

Expertise

Family

Sarah qualified as a solicitor in 1999 and has over 19 years of experience of representation in public and private children law.

She became a member of the Children's Panel in 2005 and throughout her career has undertaken significant advocacy on behalf of parents and children. She has been sought out to act for children, parents and other family members in particularly complex care, adoption and secure accommodation proceedings.

Sarah has substantial trial advocacy experience which has included cases involving allegations of non-accidental injury, chronic neglect, domestic violence, emotional abuse, multi-jurisdictional aspects and human trafficking.

She is able to deal sensitively with difficult and complex matters and has considerable experience in representing vulnerable adults and young people .

Reported cases

- Shropshire Council v Mother and others [2026] EWHC 510 (Fam)
- X County Council -and- BE(1) AD (2) CD (BY HER CHILDREN'S GUARDIAN) (3) [2021] EWFC 112
- Re G (Abduction: Consent/Discretion) [2021] EWCA Civ 139
- Z (INTERIM CARE ORDER) - [2020] EWCA Civ 1755
- A CITY COUNCIL & M & F & C - [2020] EWHC 947 (Fam)
- K, T and U (Placement of Children with Kinship Carers Abroad) [2019] EWFC 59
- Re M (Children) (Suspected Trafficking - Competent Authority) 2017 EWFC 56

Education

Sarah regularly appears in the First-tier Tribunal (Special Educational Needs and Disability) in respect of appeals regarding Education Health and Care plans (Sections B, F and I) and accepts instructions from local authorities, parents and young people.

Sarah has experience of complex cases involving a wide range of special educational needs and disabilities.

Sarah brings a wealth of advocacy experience to the Education Law group as an accomplished family barrister specialising in public children law, undertaking multi-day trials and frequently appearing before the High Court on complex matters.