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Overview

Sarah is a family barrister instructed in cases involving contact, residence, prohibited steps and removal of children from the jurisdiction. She has experience with cases involving domestic violence, emotional, physical and sexual abuse allegations, and has acted in cases involving parents, the children themselves, grandparents and step-parents. She has experience representing clients with psychiatric and psychological problems and those with learning difficulties. Sarah has a particular interest in cases with an international element.

Academic qualifications

- (2004) Middle Temple
- LLB (HONS) (Southampton)
- LLM International Law (Southampton)

Professional bodies

- Family Law Bar Association
- Western Circuit

Expertise

Family

Public Law Children

Sarah is instructed by local authorities, respondents and guardians in all aspects of public law including special guardianship orders and adoption orders. She has dealt with cases involving significant harm from neglect and failure to protect through to severe emotional abuse causing psychological damage to children, as well as cases involving serious physical and sexual abuse of children.

Private Law Children

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Reported cases

F (A Child) (placement order and failure by local authority to contact wider birth family) [2025] EWFC 259 (B) (21 July 2025)
P v Q, R and S (Claim against Assets of Extended Family) [2024] EWFC 164 (B)
A Local Authority v AB & Anor [2024] EWFC 143 (B)

Injunctions and Committals

Sarah is instructed by both applicants and respondents in applications for injunctions under the Family Law Act 1996 and committal proceedings.

Matrimonial Finance

Sarah accepts instructions in the full range of financial applications arising out of the breakdown of relationships between married and unmarried couples including:

- Ancillary relief under s25 of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973
- Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act 1996
- Interlocutory applications for maintenance pending suit
- Transfer of tenancy
- Applications for provision for children under the Children Act 1989 Schedule 1
- Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975