

Mark Lyne

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Care and adoption

Mark also has many years of experience in public law care and adoption disputes including cases involving teenage children, sexual abuse, physical violence against children, adoption and fostering, and parental and extended family rights over children.

Notable cases include:

- **Re W** – accepted allegations of physical disciplining of teenage children; sibling sexual abuse; management of voluntary accommodation over 16.
- **Re B** – consideration of the purpose of PAMS testing; reliability and evidential value in care proceedings.
- **Re H** – in the context of Re B consideration of whether adoption/long term fostering of six children with different carers was better than placement with a family member of some of the children, where the family member was a capable parent but did not accept the allegations against the parents.
- **FLA application**; consideration of the balance of harm test in the context of the test in G v G where no physical violence was alleged

Recommendations

"I have known and instructed Mark for most of my professional career. He is accomodating, easy to instruct, empathetic, and communicates well with both clients and judges alike. Mark can be relied upon to give solid, practical and effective advice, and I would have absolutely no hesitation in recommending Mark as a first class advocate and lawyer."

Graham Simm, Family Law Partner at Oerton Simm

"I have had the pleasure of knowing Mark for many years, but only recently had the need to engage him professionally. Mark was thoughtful, empathetic but above all, clear and concise in his professional views on what was reasonable and how best to achieve the desired outcome. I have no hesitation in recommending Mark as an expert and personable barrister who gets results in a fair and balanced way."

Kevin Gemmel, Country Manager, Atlantis Healthcare

Academic qualifications

Downing College, Cambridge – BA (CANTAB)

Professional bodies

Family Law Bar Association