

Mark Lyne

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Private law

Mark has considerable experience of family disputes over maintenance, shared care disputes, children with special educational needs (SEN), international and national relocation of children, contests over private adoption and disputes involving children of same sex relationships.

Mark's most notable cases have included arguing that the White v White principles should not automatically apply to second marriage cases, dealing with one of the very first Presumption of Death Act 2013, acting for a father preventing relocation of a child to South Africa, applying the new provisions on enforcement against properties under the Child Support legislation, along with a wide variety of medium to high value financial remedy cases.

Notable cases include:

- **Re R** - private adoption case and application to remove the child permanently to Canada; evidence as to child's sense of identity after some years of no contact with father
- **Re K** - internal relocation case; proposed move from one London Borough to another; consideration of 'de minimis' observations per Black LJ in Re C; consideration of Re F factors
- **Re M** - shared care application; consideration of a change of status quo for a child on the autistic spectrum; difficulties with the portability of an Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP)

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