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Dawn Tighe

Call: 1989

Children Law

Ranked in The Legal 500 (2020) for Family and Children Law.

“A strong tactician who is tuned in to clients’ needs and expectations.” – The Legal 500 (2020)

“A tenacious advocate with a charming client manner.” – The Legal 500 (2019)

“She is particularly good with vulnerable clients and individuals with learning disabilities.” – The Legal 500 (2017)

“Well known for her expertise in serious children cases involving non-accidental injury.” – The Legal 500 (2016)

Dawn Tighe is a specialist family practitioner with 25 years’ experience in all aspects of public and private law and at all levels of the Family Court. She is recommended in The Legal 500’s 2012 family law section and as a leading junior in family law in The Legal 500 in 2014.

‘Adept at dealing with vulnerable witnesses.’ – The Legal 500 (2015)

“Skilled at cross-examining medical experts and dealing with complex evidence.” – The Legal 500 (2014)

Dawn specialises in cases concerning serious non-accidental injuries and complex medical evidence. She regularly conducts finding-of-fact hearings in public-law proceedings, and is skilled with radiological and neurological evidence, TRIAD injuries, and cross-examining pathologists. She deals with cases concerning complex infant death.

She has extensive experience of cases concerning factitious disorder.



Education:

1988 - Newcastle University, LLB Law (Hons)

1989 - Inns of Court School of Law, BVC

Career:

1989 - Pupil at 37 Park Square, Leeds Tenant at 37 Park Square

2008 - Tenant at Paradise Chambers, Sheffield

2011 - Tenant at Bank House Chambers, Sheffield

2015 - Tenant at Park Square Barristers

Memberships:

Lincoln’s Inn

North Eastern Circuit

Family Law Bar Association

Bar National Pro Bono Unit

Awards:

1988 & 1989 - Lincoln’s Inn, Levitt Scholarship

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Dawn accepts instructions from the Official Solicitor, parents, grandparents, local authorities and guardians. She is skilled with contested adoption applications and leave to oppose such applications. She deals with relocation cases and abduction.

Dawn regularly handles Article 15, Brussels II Revised applications concerning transfer of proceedings in public-law proceedings.

She has considerable experience dealing with vulnerable clients and witnesses and cases concerning allegations of sexual abuse in both public and private law.

Notable cases

Re T EWCA 2013 High Court Article 15 – Transfer of proceedings to Slovakia. Represented a young Roma Slovak mother seeking to care for her 10-month-old child in Slovakia.

Re K EWCA 2013 Court of Appeal Article 15 – Transfer of proceedings to Slovakia. Guidance given by the Court of Appeal in relation to such applications.

A & B V Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council 2014 EWFC 47 Fam – Contested adoption application and application for leave by a non-parent under s.29 Adoption and Children Act.

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