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Emily Reed

Call: 2013

Children Law

Emily Reed has a busy children law practice, covering the whole range of proceedings in private and public children law as well as Family Law Act injunctions.

Emily appears regularly in the full range of hearings, including finding-of-fact hearings, final hearings and appeals, and has experience dealing with expert and vulnerable witnesses.

She has dealt with complex matters including leave to oppose adoption orders, international jurisdictional issues arising in care proceedings, and complex issues surrounding parental alienation in private children proceedings.

Approach

Emily's sensitive approach in conference and negotiations has led to successful outcomes when representing parents in public and private law proceedings, including those involving issues of neglect, drug abuse, parental alienation and physical and sexual abuse.

She has a detailed knowledge of the law and is known for her thorough preparation of the cases she deals with. Clients can always be assured that Emily will know their case thoroughly and that their priorities will be understood and kept central to her presentation of the case.

Client feedback, 2017: 'Your knowledge of the whole situation shone through'

Client feedback, 2018: 'It has been a very long and difficult journey and I thank you for "fighting my corner"'

Public law



Education:

2011 - Selwyn College, Cambridge, BA (Hons) English (Double First)

2012 - BPP Law School, Leeds, GDL (Distinction)

2013 - BPP Law School, Leeds, BPTC (Outstanding)

2014 - Selwyn College, Cambridge, MA

Career:

2013 - Pupil at No 6, Leeds

2014 - Tenant at No 6

2015 - No 6 becomes Park Square Barristers

Appointments:

2020 - Governor at Leeds Trinity University

2014 - Conducted cases for the Bar Pro Bono Unit

Memberships:

Family Law Bar Association -

North Eastern Circuit -

COPPA -

Awards:

2010 - Corfield Scholarship for Academic Excellence (Selwyn College) Sanders Prize for Academic Excellence in the study of English (Selwyn College) Imber-Lloyd Scholarship for

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In public law proceedings, Emily regularly represents a range of local authorities as well as acting for parents, the child and interveners. She is adept at dealing with instructions on short notice. She is known for her detailed and compelling written advocacy, and has prepared skeleton arguments dealing with leave to oppose adoption orders and with respect to international jurisdictional issues.

Emily is known for her robust approach, detailed knowledge of the law and her ability to quickly master the facts of the case.

Emily has acted for local authorities and respondents in cases involving sexual abuse, physical abuse (including non-accidental injuries and shaking injuries), parents with mental health issues, issues of mental capacity and immigration issues. Due to her expertise in Court of Protection proceedings, Emily is particularly adept at dealing with cases in which issues of mental capacity and mental health and/or learning disability/difficulties arise.

Academic Excellence (Tallow Chandlers' Company)

2011 - Cohen Scholarship (BPP) Lord Bowen Scholarship (Lincoln's Inn)

2012 - Lord Denning Scholarship (Lincoln's Inn)

2013 - Buchanan Prize (Lincoln's Inn)

2013 - Family Law Prize (BPP)

2013 - Property & Chancery Prize (BPP)

Private law

Emily has a busy private children law practice, and has a strong track record for achieving good results for parents in Child Arrangement Order proceedings. She is known for her sensitive client care, ability to handle negotiations with skill and tact, and for her robust approach in court.

She has experience in dealing with cases with an international element, including applications for leave to remove a child/children from the jurisdiction. She has successfully represented clients where there have been attempts to frustrate the time spent with a child or children.

In a recent case, Emily successfully represented a father in a complex and long running matter, in which she was instrumental in the pleading and presentation of the father's case. The case concluded with findings of parental alienation being made against the mother and the children's residence being transferred to the father.

Notable cases

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- Wakefield Metropolitan District Council v CM & Ors [2016] EWHC 2026 (Fam)
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Public Access

Emily may accept Public Access work, where she can be instructed directly by a member of the public rather than a solicitor.

Contact Emily's clerks

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Family Finance

Emily Reed has a developing family finance practice, including financial remedies and Trusts of Land Act 1996 (TLATA) applications. She appears regularly in the full range of hearings, including financial dispute resolution hearings and final hearings.

She has an in depth knowledge of trusts law, which assists with dealing with the complex ToLATA issues that often arise in financial remedies proceedings. From her practice she has also developed a good working knowledge of the benefits system, and is skilled in advising in matters where parties are on low incomes.

Approach

Emily is known for her detailed and persuasive written and oral advocacy. Emily is an approachable but tenacious advocate and negotiator, and has a strong track record at achieving good results for her clients in financial remedy proceedings.

She is keen to develop her practice in this area of work and is happy to accept instructions and to advise at all stages of proceedings.

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Court of Protection & Adult Care

Welfare cases

Emily has a particular interest in this field and has built up a successful Court of Protection practice.

Emily appears regularly in cases involving welfare decisions and deprivations of liberty (DoL), including reviews under s.21A Mental Capacity Act 2005.

She is frequently instructed by local authorities, clinical commissioning groups and the Official Solicitor in health and welfare cases, dealing with issues as diverse and complex as the removal of pubic and underarm hair in accordance with religious practice to capacity to consent to sexual relations.

Emily acted as junior to Natalia Perrett in a complex case involving DoLs in respect of protected parties residing in children's homes and residential special schools. She assisted in the preparation of legal submissions within the *Re X and others (Deprivation of Liberty)* [2014] EWCOP 25 litigation, in which Sir James Munby P (as he was then) conducted a review of the processes by which the Court of Protection authorises and reviews DoLs in the wake of the Cheshire West decision.

Approach

Emily's thorough grasp of the law and procedure involved in the Court of Protection, coupled with her sensitive approach to the complex issues involved, has resulted in successful outcomes in several difficult cases. She has the ability to communicate effectively to the lay parties, often unrepresented, in this type of litigation, putting complex issues into simple and concise terms.

She is happy to advise at any stage in proceedings. Her paperwork, including skeleton arguments, position statements and draft interim and final orders, is detailed and persuasive, and can be turned around quickly and efficiently.

Notable cases

- *Re X and others (Deprivation of Liberty)* [2014] EWCOP 25
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Court skills training

Emily has worked with Ann Switalski (senior lecturer at Leeds Beckett University) to facilitate court skills training days for social-work students on Leeds Beckett's BA and MA courses. Emily has also delivered court skills training courses for social workers at various local authorities.

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