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Helen Hendry

Call: 1983

Children Law

Helen honed her skills as an advocate in High Court proceedings dealing with the most serious allegations of sexual, physical and emotional abuse of children. She can accept instructions involving expert evidence of complex, medical issues arising from allegations of non-accidental injury, sexual assault and psychological harm. Helen has particular skill dealing with vulnerable witnesses and court users who find proceedings challenging and has experience working with Intermediaries.

Public Law

Helen represents Parents, Children's Guardians, Intervenors and extended family members in Public Law proceedings.

Having a background in criminal law both Defence and Prosecution (formerly Grade 4 prosecutor) Helen is confident in dealing with cases where clients who face the most serious charges and have proceedings in both jurisdictions.

Helen is instructed in complex cases involving allegations of non accidental injury including serious injury such as bone fractures and brain damage; sexual abuse and child sexual exploitation; addictions to drugs and alcohol; chronic neglect

She represents victims and perpetrators of all forms of domestic abuse; people with learning disabilities and poor mental health;

Helen is regarded as skilled in representing people for whom communication is difficult eg because of their cognitive function, or because communication is through an interpreter.

Helen represents clients who have the assistance of an Intermediary and has received instructions through the Official Solicitor

Private Law

Helen has considerable experience in residence and contact cases where the issues are complex and problems can seem intractable and where emotions can run high. Her approach is empathetic and patient. Her advice is analytical, thoughtful, robust, and always child focussed.



Education:

1981 - University of London, Queen Mary College - BSc(Econ) Economics and Politics

1982 - City University, London - Diploma in Law

Career:

1983 - Pupillage at 1 Garden Court, Temple, Robin de Wilde QC

1984 - Pupillage at Pearl Chambers, Leeds, Paul Isaacs

1984 - Tenant at Pearl Chambers, later 9 Woodhouse Square

1992 - Circuit Junior, North Eastern Circuit

1995 - 2003 - Career Break

2004 - Tenant at Park Court Chambers, Leeds

2011 - 2018 - Career Break

2018 - Tenant at Park Square Barristers, Leeds

What solicitors say about Helen:

“Helen Hendry has the enviable skills of having both a formidable knowledge of the law coupled with a natural warmth and kindness which ensures clients immediately like her and thus trust the advice she gives. I have seen Helen use her considerable skills to communicate difficult legal concepts to the most vulnerable and challenging of clients, always delivered with compassion, kindness and respect.”

“She is a patient listener which means clients feel that she has “heard them” in the legal process and she will convey “their voice” in the court arena which she does with tenacity using her considerable advocacy skills to fight their corner.”

“Helen doesn’t shy away from a challenge and you always feel at the end of any case that she has done everything in her power to provide a voice for those she represents.”

“I simply can’t sing her praises enough. Helen is one of the first barristers I think to instruct on any difficult or complex family law issue.”

“Helen is everything you could want from a Barrister and then some. Always down to earth, always prepared, brilliant with clients and someone who, from the very start, blocks out all the unnecessary noise of the proceedings and simply focusses upon those issues that matter in the case.”

“She has real presence both in conference with the client and also in court. Her cross examination is never laboured but always on point. She is a tremendous advocate to have in any case.”

“Quite simply, Helen is one of the best Barristers there is to have as part of the team and to work with.”

Contact Helen’s clerks

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Crime

Helen has been a Grade 4 prosecutor and approved to prosecute Rape and Serious Sexual Offences (RASSO). She has prosecuted and defended the most serious criminal offences including murder manslaughter, blackmail, drugs (including large scale manufacture and distribution) and all manner of sexual offences, in particular those involving children, rape, voyeurism and indecent images.

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