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BARRISTERS

Kate McKinlay

Call: 2000

Children Law

Kate was a member of Zenith Chambers from 2001 to 2017 where she had a diverse practice encompassing family, mental capacity, community care, benefits, social housing, personal injury and education. She returns to the Bar after a period as an employed in-house barrister representing the Government's interests in inquests and human rights litigation.

Kate formerly practiced in family law for 5 years before having her own family, and now returns to this key area of interest with a broad experience and understanding of acting for vulnerable clients and public bodies.

A seasoned advocate, she has developed her skills across a number of different jurisdictions and is able to adapt her style as circumstances require.

She is approachable, compassionate and well attuned to the highly sensitive nature of this work.

Public Law Proceedings

Kate has experience of care proceedings and accepts instructions from parents, children and local authorities in a wide range of matters. She provides representation at all stages of proceedings including contested final hearings and finding of fact hearings.

Private Law Proceedings

Kate has experience of complex family conflicts including around residence, contact and specific issue orders. Previous cases have included the following features:- implacable hostility, surrogacy, domestic violence, psychiatric/psychological conditions and vulnerable clients.

Lecturing

A former freelance lecturer at BPP Law School on the Bar Professional Training Course; Kate has delivering training in Advocacy, Drafting, Written Skills, Professional Ethics, Remedies and Personal Injury, She has lectured to large groups and run workshops with small groups on both knowledge areas and soft skills. More recently she has led the in-house knowledge programme for psychiatric injury across the Government Litigation Department and delivered workshops on mindfulness and resilience. Kate enjoys lecturing and would be pleased to assist with in-house training. Please contact her clerks with your requirements.

Contact Kate's clerks

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Education:

1996 University of Leeds
Bachelor of Arts - English
(with Philosophy and
Development Studies)

1998 BPP University (formerly
known as BPP Law School)
Post-Graduate Diploma in
Law

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known as BPP Law School)
Bar Vocational Course - Very
Competent

Memberships:

2001 Pupil at Zenith Chambers
to HHJ Julian Goose QC and
Anthony Hajitmitsis

2002 Tenant at Zenith
Chambers, Leeds

2008 - 2010 Lecturer, BPP Law
School

2010 - 2017 Tenant at Zenith
Chambers

2017 - 2019 Employed Barrister,
Government Legal Department

2020 Tenant at Park Square
Barristers, Leeds

Awards:

1999 Jules Thorne Major
Scholar, Middle Temple

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Regulatory & Public

Kate joins PSQB from the Government Legal Department where she conducted inquests of behalf the Ministry of Justice, most notably on behalf of Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Services. She acted in natural causes and non-natural deaths including those which were self-inflicted. As a former personal injury practitioner she also has experience of inquests arising out of non-natural deaths amongst the general public. She accepts instructions to act across the range of coronial law specialisms and represents clients in final hearings, PIRs and by way of written advices when required.

Contact Kate's clerks

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