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Introduction

Sara is an established Family Law practitioner, with particular expertise in the fields of Children Act and domestic violence litigation.

Prior to being called to the Bar in 2009, Sara worked as a family law solicitor for 15 years. During this time, she undertook work in finance, injunctions, and children work. Since coming to the bar she has continued to specialise in Private and Public Law Children Act orders, injunctions and committal applications as well as expanding her practice to include Court of Protection work.

Family Law

Sara specialises in all levels of complexity in care and private law proceedings. She has expanded her practice skills and knowledge by recently completing her doctorate which focused on the challenges that child participation poses for professionals and children (directly and through their Children's Guardian) in the arena of care proceedings, where notions of child protection are so dominant.

She has acted in public law proceedings for Local Authorities, parents, children, their relatives, Special Guardians and adopters. She has acted for parents and children (both directly and through their Guardian appointed under R16.4 FPR 2010) in private law proceedings.

Sara has also acted in Court of Protection cases, including when those proceedings have overlapped with care proceedings. She has expanded her knowledge and practice skills in this area by co-researching dementia care for older people, research conducted by Imperial College, London.

She has acted for Respondents and Applicants in injunction and committal proceedings. Sara has also completed the Freedom Programme Facilitator course, which provided her with a much deeper insight as to the complexity of domestic violence in all its forms for families and professionals working with them.

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