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Introduction

Alison's family practice is broad, covering public and private law children proceedings, applications for financial remedies, and TLATA. Alison has a strong background in criminal law, which benefits her family practice in terms of ensuring a forensic approach and robust advocacy.

Public law:

Alison has experience of representing parties at the various stages in care proceedings, including emergency applications. She was recently led by Sharan Bhachu, representing the father, in a 14-day fact finding hearing arising from extremely serious allegations made by another party, who lacked capacity. The case involved complex medical evidence and significant factual disputes.

Private law:

Alison is regularly instructed in a wide range of private law matters, from urgent injunctions and fact finding through to final hearings in residence, contact and Special Guardianship disputes.

Financial remedy and TLATA proceedings:

Alison has experience in variety of cases in these areas, from matters involving limited assets where it is in the parties' best interests to reach a settlement quickly to more complex cases where the parties are enmeshed in extensive disputes, and/or the assets are significant. She has experience of advising on disclosure issues and in cases involving assets held overseas.

Environmental crime:

In addition to her family practice, Alison has extensive experience of environmental regulatory work and is regularly instructed by the defence in criminal prosecutions brought by the Environment Agency (eg, R v Thames Water Utilities Ltd [2015] EWCA Crim 960).

Legal professional privilege:

Alison has also developed expertise in the area of legal professional privilege through her role as independent counsel in criminal investigations carried out by the Serious Fraud Office and HMRC.

Languages:

Polish and basic French