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Introduction

Following a mixed criminal and family pupillage and early practice, Shelly now specialises exclusively in family law.

Shelly honed a pragmatic approach in her time as a paralegal to the partner of a busy high street firm prior to qualifying. She is known for her passionate yet robust advocacy and down-to-earth attitude.

She has provided training to the Metropolitan Police Service's Rape and Serious Sexual Offences (RASSO) Unit and the Domestic Abuse Unit in relation to disclosure between the family and criminal courts and jurisdictions.

Notable Cases

- Shelly was recently instructed in a complex fact-finding hearing, which took place over 6 weeks. Led by Jo Delahunty QC and representing the mother, the local authority's allegations of smothering a 6-week old baby and of FII in respect of an older sibling were successfully opposed, resulting in the children remaining at home with no final orders.
- KCC v M and O (children, criticism of local authority) [2017] EWFC B12 (26 January 2017) - Representing the aunt. Widely reported case in which the social worker was criticised for comments made relating to the Christening of the child and other matters, which she denied until covert voice recordings were produced during her evidence. The Judge considered the apology of the local authority inadequate and supported internal enquiry. Child placed with their aunt under Special Guardianship Order.
- Re K (children) (contact order: posed risk by father) [2013] All ER (D) 214 (Oct) -Representing the mother. The Court of Appeal upheld the decision of the trial Judge, providing for the father to have supervised contact twice a year and to be prohibited from making further applications in relation to child arrangements for the remainder of the children's minorities.

Other Information

Shelly has over 10 years' experience as a lay member of various NHS Research Ethics Committees and is currently appointed as the Vice Chair for the London Harrow Committee.

Shelly has a keen interest in access to and diversity at the Bar and is a long-time supporter of the Bar Council's 'Barristers in Schools' initiative and the 'Bar Mock Trial Competition' run by Young Citizens.

Occasionally, she likes to walk ridiculous distances for money (Trailwalker in 2011, Thames Path Challenge in 2013 and Canterbury Trek in 2017) and every year she will pester you to sponsor, donate or join her on the night shift at Crisis for Christmas.

In her spare time you'll find her baking, dancing, drumming, taking photos and eating!