

## Marcia Hyde

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Marcia specialises in children work and has almost 30 years' experience at the family bar. She undertakes both public and private law work.

Marcia's main practice involves serious & complex child abuse matters including those where there are issues of sexual abuse, non-accidental injury and the death of a child. She acts on behalf of local authorities, parents, children's guardians and extended family members in such cases at all levels of court. She also has a particular interest in cases relating to contact with children in local authority care.

In private law work Marcia has a particular interest in domestic abuse and especially controlling and coercive behaviours.

She is regularly instructed by the most experienced of family solicitors in London and the Home Counties and has built a reputation for her detailed and thorough preparation, her attention to detail, her acute understanding of complex legal and evidential issues and her robust style of advocacy.

As a highly experienced advocate she offers clear advice to her clients and argues persuasively for them at all levels of court.

Marcia was previously Head of the Animal Welfare group which developed through her work on coercive and controlling behaviours. She continues to be involved in animal welfare by continuing to highlight the link between human and animal abuse and exploring legal avenues that promote animal welfare through her membership of the UK Centre for Animal Law and linked organisations.

## Family Law

### Selected Cases

- [Re A& B](#)

- [Bedford Local Authority v CD & Ors \(Rev 1\) \[2020\] EWHC 1996 \(Fam\)](#).
- Tan (a child) (child death: fact finding) [2019] EWFC B78
- M (a Child) [2017] EWCA Civ 2445
- Re H-T (Children) [2012] EWCA Civ 1215
- Re P-B (Contact: Committal) [2009] 2 FLR 66
- A Local Authority v J [2008] EWHC 1484 (Fam)
- Re T (A Child) [2007] EWHC 455 (Fam)
- Re W (Section 34(2) Orders) [2000] 1 FLR 502

## Publications

- ['Is the law really protecting our wildlife?'](#) - published by Counsel Magazine
- ['Brexit Wildfire'](#) - November 2022
- ['Court of Appeal allows Judicial Review in respect of farmed chickens'](#) - October 2022
- 'Domestic abuse, animal abuse: controlling and coercive behaviours' in Animal Journal, May 2022.
- ['Domestic abuse, controlling and coercive behaviours and companion animals'](#) published by Lexis Nexis Family Law.
- 'Non-recognition of member state orders under Brussels II Art 23'
- Co-written by Marcia Hyde and Tim Parker Q.C. published in International Family Law, Issue 3, pp 273-6 (2015). This is the first reported case (2014 EWFC 56) where Brussels II Article 23(a) (public policy) has been successfully argued preventing the recognition of an order made in a Member state.
- Marcia is the author of 'Children: Public Law: procedure and law' in 'Family Law in Practice', City Law School Bar Manual.
- ['Domestic abuse, controlling and coercive behaviours and companion animals'](#) published by Lexis Nexis Family Law.

## Recent Seminars

- ['Animal and Property Rights'](#)
- ['Protecting Wildlife through the Rule of Law'](#).
- ['Companion Animals and Domestic Abuse - Controlling and Coercive Behaviours'](#)
- [Prospective Animal Legislation](#). Marcia Hyde was joined by Paula Sparks of A-Law.
- ['Animals in Law'](#) - A virtual round table discussion comprising five practitioners, specialising in different areas, discuss the status of a pet or companion animal in law.
- 'Child Sexual Abuse: Demystifying the Paediatric Assessment & Aiding the Legal Process' 2018. Multi-Agency CSA training for Health, Education, Police and Social Care professionals.
- 2018 Police Disclosure: "You show me yours and I'll show you mine".

## Education

- B.A. (Hons) (Sociology)
- M.A. (Philosophy)
- Dip. Law

## Professional Memberships

- Family Law Bar Association
- Amnesty International
- Inner Temple