

Caroline Landes

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Introduction

Caroline Landes qualified as a solicitor in 1988 and has specialised for the last 31 years in the area of family law and in particular cases concerning children. Caroline has been accredited by the Law Society as a specialist member of their Children Panel since 1995. She was also previously a member of the Law Society's Family Law Panel and was a family mediator for some 18 years.

Caroline was the winner of the Kent Law Society Outstanding Achievement Award in 2016 and in the same year was shortlisted for the Law Society Excellence Awards. Caroline very recently left solicitor's private practice where she was deputy head of the Family Law department and Head of Children and Domestic Abuse at McMillan Williams Solicitors Ltd. She was called to the Bar by Grays Inn in July 2019.

Caroline was appointed a Deputy District Judge in 2019 and sits on the South Eastern circuit.

In her "downtime" Caroline is a wife and mother; an amateur ceramicist; a trustee of Magpie Dance a registered charity assisting those with learning difficulties through dance; a committee member of the Pink Buddies, who raise funds for Breast Cancer Haven; an avid member of a book group and theatre goer.

Family / Children Public Law

Caroline specialises in public law children work and is instructed by Guardians, parents, grandparents, foster carers and siblings. Caroline also has an extensive practice in private children disputes including all types of section 8 orders, special guardianship and adoption; as well as divorce and financial remedy. Caroline has had some high profile cases in the High Court including a successful application under the Human Rights Act on behalf of a child against a Local Authority to prevent removal from his foster placement and to secure him the necessary support in placement; an application on behalf of foster carers preventing the removal of children from their care and successfully seeing them reinstated as foster carers; and in the family court jurisdiction representation of a Father accused of FGM who was found not be culpable; and many children

disputes and divorces which involved international elements..

Qualifications and Appointments

- BA(Hons) Law, Anglia Ruskin University (1985)
- Solicitors Final Examinations (1986)
- Law Society Accredited Children Panel member (since 1995)
- Resolution Family Mediator (1999-2017)
- Deputy District Judge (civil) (2019)
- Called to Grays Inn (2019)