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Introduction

Zoe is a former Solicitor who has over 20 years experience specialising in both public and private law children matters. Zoe often represents vulnerable individuals with mental health or personality difficulties and is used to working in partnership with other agencies and Court intermediaries.

Family Law

Public Law

Zoe has a wealth of experience dealing with very complex cases including cases where there have been allegations of sexual abuse, non-accidental injury, domestic violence, and cases with an international element.

Zoe represents Local Authorities, Parents, Other family members and Children through their Guardian's on all aspects of public law proceedings, most notably Care Proceedings, Adoption and Special Guardianship proceedings.

Private Law

Zoe is regularly instructed by Parents involved in complex private law cases including cases where there has been very serious allegations of domestic abuse, sexual abuse, substance misuse and parental alienation. Zoe is also often instructed to act on behalf of the children in these cases through their Children's Guardian.

Zoe also has extensive experience in representing parents where there have been no allegations of abuse but are simply unable to agree on how to co-parent their children including parents in same sex relationships who are sharing the care of children with birth parents and or others.

Zoe is often instructed on cases where one parent is seeking permission to remove children permanently from the jurisdiction of the United Kingdom.

Care Standards Regulatory Law

Zoe also has specialist expertise in the law relating to the regulation of Children's Services, in respect of childminders and daycare providers. She has extensive experience of representing clients before the First-tier Tribunal (Health, Education and Social Care Chamber).

Training and Pro Bono Work

In the past Zoe has provided training to Police Cadets on the issue of domestic abuse and what they should be aware of as a frontline agency involved in protecting and supporting victims and their children.

Zoe undertakes pro bono work to support access to justice for vulnerable individuals in appropriate cases.