

# Gemma Farrington QC

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## Introduction

Gemma Farrington QC was called to the bar in 1994, before taking silk in 2022. She specialises in complex care and private law proceedings.

## Family Law

### Public Law

In respect of care proceedings, she is acknowledged as a specialist in complex cases such as Non-Accidental Injury, Sexual Abuse, Fabricated and Induced Illness and cases involving other serious allegations. She acts for parents, children, relatives, Special Guardians and adopters.

### Private Law

In respect of private law work, she has been acknowledged as being skilled in cases involving complex fact-finding hearings or allegations of parental alienation. She acts for parents and is also regularly instructed by Guardians pursuant to rule 16.4 FPR 2010.

### Court of Protection

Gemma has acted in Court of Protection cases and has a real interest in this area of law which she wishes to develop and expand in the future.

### Reported Cases

- A Local Authority v AG [2020] EWFC 18 & [2020] EWHC 1346 & Barnet London Borough Council v AG and other [2021] EWHC 1253 (Fam)
- W- J (Children) [2015] EWCA Civ 788
- Re K (Care Proceedings: fact finding) [2011] 2FLR 199

- H (Children) (Sexual abuse: fact finding) [2011] All ER (D) 69 (May)
- LM (By her Guardian) v Medway Council, RM & YM [2007] EWCA Civ 9 [2007] 1 FLR 1698 CA

### Publications

- Gemma has co-authored with Simon Johnson, Barrister, a book entitled “*Assessment of Parents in Care Proceedings*” published in March 2014 by *Jordans Publishing Limited*.
- She has published the following article in Family Law with Alison Pryor, Barrister in 2020: “*Applying Criminal Law and Procedure to Police Evidence in Care Proceedings : The ABE Interview*”

## Animal Welfare Law

Gemma is building a practice in all areas relating to Animal Welfare Act 2006 and other key animal welfare legislation (including the recently enacted Animal Welfare (Sentence) Act 2022). Her considerable experience in Children cases means she is well equipped to accept instructions in this field.

## Direct Access

Gemma is authorised to accept instructions direct from members of the public. She encourages clients who are considering this route to contact Chambers and discuss their problem.

In suitable cases, Gemma can provide client conferences, written advices and representation at court.

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