

## Kate Kochnari

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### Introduction

Kate joined Chambers having previously practised at a civil/family mixed set in Canterbury.

Her area of practice encompasses Family Law work. Kate's conscientious and tenacious approach has led to a swift progression in the complexity of cases she is instructed on.

#### Specialist Practice Areas

- Care and Adoption (for parents and guardians)
- Private Law Children work
- Financial Remedy
- Injunctions
- International/ Abduction/ Wrongful Retention
- Cohabitation Disputes

Kate enjoys cooking, travelling and walking her beloved Border Collie.

### Family law

Kate's aptitude to fearlessly promote and protect her client's interests was acknowledged in the Court of Appeal by Lord Justice McFarlane who commented in *W-J (Children) [2015] EWCA Civ 788* 'In the course of the robust and constructive representation that the mother had at the hearing provided by Ms Kochnari'.

#### Public Family Law

In Care Proceedings, Kate regularly receives instructions from parents, Guardians and other family members and has been instructed in complex multi-day fact finding hearings and final hearings. She often

represents vulnerable and learning-disabled clients, including receiving instructions from the Official Solicitor. Kate has represented parents in alleged non-accidental injury cases and cases involving allegations of sexual abuse.

### **Financial Remedies**

Kate is regularly instructed in Family Finance proceedings and has experience in dealing with matters involving interveners, international property and maintenance pending suit claims.

### **Private Family Law**

In Private Law matters and Family Law Act cases, Kate has experience in matters involving serious allegations of domestic violence, sexual abuse/ grooming, neglect and parents dealing with Mental Health difficulties.

Lay clients always report positively in respect of Kate's approach to cases given her warm personality, attention to client care and ability to give robust and realistic advice when required.

Kate is available to deliver training / CPD seminars.

### **Reported Cases:**

- [W-J \(Children\) \[2015\] EWCA Civ 788](#)

## **Direct access**

Kate 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, Kate can provide client conferences, written advices and representation at court.