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Introduction

Jennifer joined 42 Bedford Row in 2017 on completion of pupillage in chambers and has a wide range of experience in civil and family law.

In 2015 Jennifer worked as an intern with the charity Amicus ALJ, assisting on death penalty trials and appeals in Louisiana. She remains involved in, and an enthusiastic supporter of, their work.

Family Law

Children public law

Jennifer has extensive experience in public family law; acting for local authorities, parents and Children's Guardians at all stages of care proceedings, including those involving physical and emotional abuse, neglect and child sexual exploitation. She has appeared at final hearing in cases involving complex family groups, an international dimension and concurrent placement applications. Jennifer is commended by colleagues for her sensitive and measured approach to such matters.

Jennifer is also regularly instructed in public law applications for emergency protection, secure accommodation and forced marriage protection orders, as well as applications for contact with children in local authority care and in relation to adoption orders. She has appeared before the High Court as sole counsel in applications concerning police disclosure and reporting restriction orders (successfully obtaining an urgent RRO on abridged notice) and as junior in *A Local Authority v AG* [2020] EWHC 1346 (concerning the interaction of diplomatic immunity and care proceedings, and encompassing detailed consideration of international and domestic legal argument).

Children private law

Accepting instructions in all areas of private children law, Jennifer appears for clients at all stages of the Child Arrangements Programme. She understands the human aspect of this process and has extensive experience of cases involving unrepresented parties.

Jennifer is instructed within proceedings encompassing a diverse range of issues, including child arrangements for contact and residence, prohibited steps and specific issue orders, and regularly acts in fact finding hearings, including those involving allegations of serious domestic violence and sexual abuse. Jennifer represents parents and other family members, and lay-clients have described their feeling reassured by her representation and presentation of their case at court.

Jennifer regularly appears in applications under the Family Law Act 1996 for occupation and non-molestation orders.

News and articles

- Jennifer Youngs and Vondez Phipps, 'Drawing the Line: case management and allegations of judicial bias in the family courts', Family Law Week (22 June 2017)

Publications

- Youngs, J. 'Brumfield v Cain: "It took a long time to save a life"' (2017) 38 Amicus Journal.
- Youngs, J. 'Supreme Court Upholds Right of Capital Defendant to a Hearing on His Intellectual Disability Claim' (2015) 36 Amicus Journal 24-34.
- Youngs, J. 'Domestic violence and the criminal law: reconceptualising reform' (2015) 79(1) Journal of Criminal Law 55-70.