

## Amanda Jepson

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Amanda specialises in all areas of family law, in particular in public law cases and/or cases with an international element.

### Family Law

Amanda is a senior junior and specialist family law practitioner with extensive experience in all aspects of the law relating to children. She has a wealth of representing local authorities, children, parents, extended family members and intervenors.

The primary focus of Amanda's practice is public law children cases. She has dealt with cases involving allegations of non-accidental injury, allegations of abuse and neglect, cases with an international element such as placement overseas, or with linked criminal proceedings, selective mutism, fabricated illness, radicalisation, Secure Accommodation Orders, and cases involving the Official Solicitor, or in the Family Drug and Alcohol Courts.

As well as care proceedings, she is regularly instructed in cases involving adoption, relinquished babies, wardship, Female Genital Mutilation, and forced marriage.

Amanda develops an easy rapport with her clients which enables her to give them robust advice. She will argue persuasively for her clients to achieve the best outcome, at all levels of court.

### Recent Cases

- A local authority v MF and IA – care proceedings, fact finding hearing, international and cultural element
- Re X – 2022 – Care proceedings, fact finding hearing and then welfare hearing, father killed first wife, hid second and then third wives.
- Re ME – 2021 – Forced Marriage Protection Order
- A local authority v R, A and B – 2020 – care proceedings, DOLS, complex medical conditions, application for a care order refused
- A local authority v JA and AU – 2020 – care proceedings, fact finding hearing and welfare hearing, non-accidental

injury

- A local authority v GB, AS, MB - 2020– care proceedings, physical chastisement, children as witnesses, separate representation of a child, two mothers, international element
- A local authority v X – care proceedings, fabricated illness

## Court of Protection

Amanda's proficiency in Court of Protection work stems from her keen understanding of the legal frameworks, meticulous attention to detail, adeptness in navigating complex cases, and commitment to safeguarding the rights and interests of vulnerable individuals.

She has experience of a range of cases involving medical treatment, capacity to consent to sexual intercourse, and health and welfare disputes.

## Animal Welfare Law

This is a new area for Amanda, who considers her extensive experience will enable her to develop her practice in this area.