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Family Law

Primarily public law care and adoption proceedings for local authorities, parents, children and Guardians.

Francis is regularly instructed in the most difficult cases involving:

- Non-accidental injury,
- Sexual abuse,
- Emotional and psychological harm,
- Forced marriage,
- Witchcraft,
- Mental health and
- Serious neglect;

In the last 2 years Francis has been instructed in 2 High Court cases at final hearings in excess of 40 days. The publicity these cases encountered led to Francis taking the lead in satellite litigation in respect of press reporting and an agreement from a national newspaper to rescind publication of a series of articles.

Francis regularly gives seminars on children's case to solicitors, childcare professional and colleagues at the bar.

Francis's private law work includes international abduction, relocation, residence and contact.



Accreditations

- *“Francis is a determined and hardworking advocate who puts lay and professional clients at their ease”*

Professional memberships

- FLBA

Selected cases

- [H \(Abuse: Oral Evidence\)](#), Re Court of Appeal (Civil Division), 11 May 2011 [2011] EWCA Civ 741; [2012] 1 F.L.R. 186; [2011] Fam. Law 1201
- L (Children) (Fact-Finding: Appeal), Re Court of Appeal (Civil Division), 10 May 2011 [2011] EWCA Civ 525; [2011] 2 F.C.R. 247

Education

- 1987-1990 London School of Economics LLB 2:1
- 1990-1991 Post Graduate Diploma in Employment Law, University of Orebro, Sweden
- 1993-1994 Bar Finals, Inns of Court School of Law
- 1994-1996 MPhil, Comparative Law Industrial Compensation, University of Manchester

Other information

- Francis is a retired rugby and football player who would love to spend more time watching sport if only his children would let him.
- He has started a cycle club in South London which gets him and other middle aged Dads out into the countryside once a month.
- Francis's favourite holiday destinations are Liverpool, Ireland, Italy and Barbados.

Employment History

- 1996-1999 Full Time Tribunal Advocate, Merseyside Independent Disability Advisory Service.
- 1999-2000 Silverbeck Rymer Solicitors, lead worker mineworker's compensation scheme.

Career at the Bar

- 2000-2009 4 Brick Court Chambers
- 2009-date 42 Bedford Row Chambers