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Katie is a family law specialist, practising across all areas of children and the full range of injunctive work.

Katie represents Local Authorities, parents, children and interested parties in her public law children work. In private law cases she acts for both applicants and respondents. Katie often appears on behalf of children, including separately represented children and other vulnerable parties, including parents with mental health or learning disabilities.

Katie regularly appears in complex matters involving suspected non-accidental injury, sexual abuse allegations, neglect and domestic abuse. Katie regularly advises and acts in fact finding hearings requiring forensic analysis of medical and expert evidence.

Katie specialises in cases involving an international dimension and the movement of children between jurisdictions including in a public law context, abduction and leave to remove and has been instructed in radicalisation cases for both Local Authorities and parents.

Katie is instructed in the Family Court, the High Court and in the Court of Appeal.

Katie was involved in the case *Re H-W* which was awarded Case of the Year at the Family Law Awards 2023.

Selected cases

- Kent CC v D & Ors [2014] EWFC 59
- Kent CC v D & Ors (2) (Fact finding) [2015] EWFC 93
- Kent CC v D & Ors (3) (Application for re-hearing) [2015] EWFC 94
- Kent CC v D & Ors (4) (Re W) [2015] EWFC 95
- Kent CC v D & Ors (5) (Re-hearing) [2015] EWFC 96
- [M-F \(Children\) \[2014\]](#) EWCA Civ 991 (15 July 2014)
- Devon County Council V EB & ORS (Minors) [2013] EWHC 968 (FAM) Family Division, 22 February 2013

- [A Local Authority v K Family Division](#), 10 May 2011 [2011] EWHC 1156 (Fam); [2011] 2 F.L.R. 1165; [2011] Fam. Law 788

Professional memberships

- FLBA – Family Law Bar Association
- ALC – Association of Lawyers for Children
- Lincoln’s Inn

Education

- Nottingham High School for Girls
- MA Oxon, St Anne’s College, Oxford