

## Katie Phillips KC

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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

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## Quotations:

- *"She is always in great demand."*

*"A strong advocate, with a very sensible approach."*

*"Her ability to advise and advocate on complex matters is brilliant."*

*"Katie is very professional and has excellent client care."*

*"She is able to bring calm to any situation with ease."*

*"Katie Phillips is a remarkable junior, who has a brilliant manner with all kinds of clients, including the most challenging."*

Chambers & Partners 2025

- *'Katie is a talented advocate who always has a firm grasp of the detail and nuances in any case where she is instructed. She is very user-friendly and always willing to go the extra mile for her clients.'*

Legal 500 2024

- *"Very diligent and someone who fights hard for her clients, she's all over the details and conducts extremely*

*impressive and effective cross-examinations of witnesses.”*

Chambers & Partners 2023

- *“She's absolutely meticulous in her preparation and is a very persuasive advocate.”*

Chambers & Partners 2023

- *'Katie is one of the best junior barristers who always does a very high level of preparation. Her knowledge of the law, social work practice, medical knowledge and procedure is very good.'*

Legal 500 2023

- *"A well-regarded, hugely effective advocate." "She has a great eye for detail and is collaborative with others."*

*"She is spot-on in balancing the risks of running cases and the risks to children."*

Chambers and Partners 2022

- *"An extremely able barrister: Katie has a ready grasp of the salient issues in a case and advocates in an attractive and economical way that is very effective. She has pragmatic, fair-minded and balanced approach to cases, and is able to make serious and complex points effectively and efficiently."*

Legal 500 2022

- *"A fantastic advocate, unflappable, tenacious and supportive."*

Legal 500 2021