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Introduction

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Gemma practises family law, primarily public law care and adoption proceedings for local authorities, parents, children and Guardians. She has experience of the most difficult cases that involve complex medical evidence and serious injuries.

Gemma has extensive experience of all areas of private law family work. She has acted for Local Authorities in the Court of Protection.

In addition she advises and acts in judicial review applications in matters concerning Local authority responsibilities, Leaving Care provisions and in cases involving adults under a disability.

Gemma regularly gives seminars that have included topics ranging from the human rights implications of disclosure of information about children, public law assessments, special guardianship, publicity in care cases, assessing parents with a learning disability, challenging decisions about foster placements and the division of responsibility between courts and local authorities.

Accreditations

- Renowned for her handling of serious public law cases relating to severe injury, abuse and adoption. She exhibits strength representing local authorities in matters with complex medical evidence. She has experience in cases that overlap with Human Rights

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- Strengths: *"She is incredibly thorough with her preparation and a really calm and unflappable presence in court. People who use her and see her have an enormous amount of confidence in her, her advice and her ability to manage situations that can develop quickly."* Chambers and Partners 2018
- Recommended Counsel in Chambers and Partners UK Guide Children section – representing Local Authorities, Guardians & Parents!



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Professional memberships

- Family Law Bar Association
- Association of Lawyers for Children
- Member of Inner Temple

Selected cases

- [Lancashire County Council v TP & Ors \(Permission to Withdraw Care Proceedings\) \[2019\] EWFC 30 \(09 May 2019\)](#)
- [West Sussex County Council and Another v F and Ors \[2018\] EWHC 1702 \(Fam\)](#)
- [Lancashire County Council and A,B,Z \[2018\] EWHC 1819](#)
- X and Y (Children) [2018] EWHC 451 (Fam)
- C (A Child), Re Court of Appeal (Civil Division), 28 November 2013 [2013] EWCA Civ 1757
- [\(A Child\) \(Disclosure of Third Party Information\)](#), Re Supreme Court, 12 December 2012 [2012] UKSC 60; [2013] 2 A.C. 66; [2012] 3 W.L.R. 1484; [2013] 1 All E.R. 761; [2013] 1 F.L.R. 948; [2013] 1 F.C.R. 69;

[2013] H.R.L.R. 11; [2013] B.L.G.R. 179; [2013] Fam. Law 269

- [G \(A Child\) Re Court of Appeal \(Civil Division\)](#), 31 October 2012 [2012] EWCA Civ 1377
- [K \(Children\) \(Suspension of Contact\), Re Court of Appeal \(Civil Division\)](#), 20 July 2011 [2011] EWCA Civ 1064; [2012] 1 F.L.R. 195; [2011] 3 F.C.R. 331; [2011] Fam. Law 1328; (2011) 155(29) S.J.L.B. 31
- C (A Child), Re Court of Appeal (Civil Division), 09 June 2010 [2010] EWCA Civ 733
- Re G (Interim Care Order: Residential Assessment) HL [2006]1 FLR 601
- Re V (Care: Pre-birth Actions) CA [2005] 1 FLR 624
- Re V (Care Proceedings: Human Rights Claims) CA [2004] 1 FLR 944
- Re G (Care Proceedings: Split Trials) CA [2001] 1 FLR 872

Education

- Queen Mary College London. LLB 1986