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**Practice Areas:**  
Adoption & Special  
Guardianship  
Care Proceedings  
Child Arrangements  
Court of Protection

**What our clients are saying**

'Having been a children's lawyer for over 25 years, Judith Pepper is one of the stand out barristers I have instructed. She is always on top of the issues. Her attention to detail and forensic approach to the evidence is impressive. Her client care skills are exemplary and she shows compassion where it is needed. Judith is a highly effective advocate who puts her case across with great skill.' Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, Partner, IBB Solicitors (July 2019)

'Judith is reliable, thorough and goes above and beyond the call of duty for clients'. Jas Malhi, Principal Solicitor, Croydon Council (April 2019)

'Your thorough and methodical approach has made the case so much easier for the authority. I know that we have all felt in safe hands with you leading this case in court. It has been an emotional journey but we are absolutely delighted with the outcome'. Service Manager, Children Services (March 2019)

**Expertise**

Judith Pepper specialises in family law, primarily public law proceedings representing local authorities, parents and guardians, as well as other family members and intervenors. She is often instructed in complex care proceedings involving non-accidental injury and medical evidence, sexual abuse allegations, serious domestic violence, and placement outside the jurisdiction as well as cases involving vulnerable adults and forced marriage.

A large number of Judith's cases have involved parallel criminal proceedings. Her previous experience of practice in criminal law means that she has a knowledge of the issues involved in ongoing criminal investigations.

Judith also has extensive experience in all areas of private law family work, particularly those involving serious allegations of harm.

Judith utilises her considerable experience in care proceedings to good effect in Court of Protection work.

Judith approaches all her cases with an attention to detail and a straightforward manner. She undertakes all of her cases with a strong sense of professionalism.

Judith provides bespoke training to solicitors, local authority lawyers and social workers across a range of family law topics.

**Judith's most recent training presentations**

- Presentation with Professor Daniel Monk on siblings, contact and adoption for the Judicial College (June and October 2019)
- Public Law Update at LBLA Conference (October 2018)
- 'Adoption: Making or Breaking Families' – Panel speaker at 'Battle of Ideas' festival October 2018 at the Barbican, London

- Public Law Update for the South London Legal Partnership (September 2018)
- Forced Marriage: Protective Measures for Children and Young People in the Family Courts and the Court of Protection at LBLA Conference (October 2017)

## **Publications**

[Forced marriage: is enough being done? – \[2019\] Fam Law 1310](#) (November 2019)

[When One Parent Kills Another – how should the family court approach this?](#) October 2019. Article for Family Law Week.

[Part 1. Adoption: The journey to where we are now.](#) May 2018. Article written for Civitas

[Part 2. Adoption: The current challenges.](#) October 2018. Article written for Civitas

Forced Marriage: protective measures for children and young people in the family courts and the court of protection – [part 1, 8 April 2018: Family Law Week](#)

Forced Marriage: protective measures for children and young people in the family courts and the court of protection – [part 2, 11 April 2018: Family Law Week](#)

Maintaining sibling relationships in care and adoption [2017] Fam Law 1112

## **Cases**

[A Local Authority v C \[2019\] EWHC 1782 \(Fam\)](#)

[Re AK and MK \(Fact Finding\) \(Physical Injuries\) \[2013\] EWHC 3158 \(Fam\)](#)

[A Council v B and Ors \[2007\] EWHC 2688 \(Fam\)](#)

[A Council v B and Ors \[2007\] EWHC 2395 \(Fam\)](#)

## **Education**

University:

King's College London, LLB Hons (1998)

Law School:

Inns of Court School of Law (1999)

Post-Graduate:

University College London, LLM (Merit) (2002)

## **Memberships**

