

**JUDITH PEPPER**

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

**Expertise**

Judith 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 training for solicitors, local authorities and social workers across a broad range of topics.

**Seminars:**

- Current Issues in Care Proceedings (Tri-borough Conference 2017)
- Forced Marriage: Protective Measures for Children and Young People in the Family Courts and the Court of Protection (LBLA Conference 2017)
- Update on Public Law Issues (LBLA Conference 2015)
- Designated Local Authority (LBLA Conference 2013)
- Advocacy in Public Law Proceedings (Jordans 2010)

**Publications:**

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

[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](#)

**Cases:**

[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**

FLBA

Middle Temple

**Cases**

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

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