

DAVID BANNOCKS

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Practice Areas:
Adoption & Special
Guardianship
Care Proceedings
Child Arrangements
Domestic Violence &
Injunctions
Financial

Expertise

David's work comprises most aspects of family law appearing at all levels of the Family Court with ongoing cases in the High Court and Court of Appeal.

David considers that client care is of central importance and knows that people involved in family cases may be experiencing one of the most testing and stressful times of their lives. His caring manner will reassure and this is balanced with strong and realistic advice so that the client is prepared for the outcome.

Care and Adoption

Acting for parents, grandparents, local authorities and children's guardians. David appears in the most complex of cases involving, addiction, allegations of sexual, physical and emotional abuse, domestic violence, neglect and international issues. Recent cases include:

- In the High Court appearing for the Guardian where a baby was allegedly trafficked from West Africa by parents claiming the child was their own.
- Representing a very vulnerable Bolivian Aymaran woman, who had a child in the UK with a known sex-offender. Following a report by an Independent Social worker who travelled to La Paz, the court allowed mother and child to return to Bolivia.
- Acting for a Local Authority in proceedings involving a family with substantial gang and criminal links. There were well over a thousand pages of Police disclosure and involved preparation for a complex fact-finding.

Matrimonial Finance

David has an established financial practice. He regularly represents clients in contentious financial disputes arising following separation or divorce. He is a strong and persistent negotiator who prepares meticulously. Recent cases include:

- Representing a wife where the husband had attempted to hide very considerable business assets though numerous transactions involving third parties and foreign disposals. Successful applications were made for third party disclosure which resulted in the instruction of a forensic accountant to ascertain the value of the business. Orders were obtained to prevent the husband disposing of assets during proceedings.
- Representing an unemployed oil executive in highly contentious proceedings in which his earning capacity was heavily in dispute and successfully negotiating a settlement.

Private Law

David has huge experience in representing parties where there are disputes about where children will live, contact and all section 8 proceedings, Special Guardianship applications and leave to remove from the jurisdiction. He is regularly instructed to represent parents, Rule 16.4 guardians and interveners in fact finding

hearings, disposal hearings and appeal hearings. He is routinely involved in cases which contain issues of implacable hostility and domestic violence.

Direct Public Access

As a qualified direct access barrister David will accept instructions from members of the public in suitable cases. He is able to quickly build a rapport with a client and to guide them through the complexity of the court process, give clear legal advice and undertake all aspects of court negotiation, advocacy and drafting of legal documents.

Education

University:

University of London, Theology (BA) (1985)

University of Durham, Theology (MA) (1994)

Law Conversion:

University of Westminster, Graduate Diploma in Law (2000)

Law School:

Inns of Court School of Law (2002)

Memberships

Family Law Bar Association

Middle Temple