

PRIVATE: LUCY-ANN DALE

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

Expertise

Lucy-Ann practices exclusively in family law with a practice profile split between approximately 50% public law care proceedings (acting only for parents and children) and 50% private law proceedings.

Her private law practice encompasses:

- Contested divorce proceedings
- Ancillary relief following divorce
- Property division and trusts of land following cohabitee separation and/or arising from wider family disputes
- Disputes concerning the care arrangements for children upon their parent's separation or where members of the wider family seek to be included in children's lives

Public Law

Lucy-Ann acts exclusively for parents and children in complex care cases where there are allegations of physical and/or emotional harm or neglect, allegations of drug and alcohol abuse, violence, non-accidental injury and in cases where parents struggle with cognitive or mental health difficulties. Lucy-Ann is particularly recognised for her ability to change the direction of proceedings at an early stage. She is commended by solicitors for her hand-on approach and client management skills and by clients for her personal warmth and empathy.

Ancillary relief and trusts of land

Lucy-Ann has experience of both large and small asset cases, those involving companies, cases where properties will attract CGT and cases where assets lie outside of the jurisdiction. Lucy-Ann has developed a particular expertise in disputes arising out of cohabitation where the claim is for a beneficial trust. In this area Lucy-Ann is known for her practical approach and ability to see and explain the issues clearly. She is particularly skillful in negotiating settlement at financial dispute resolution hearings.

Private law children disputes

Lucy-Ann regularly acts for children, parents and grandparents/other family members where there are disputes about the care arrangements for children. Lucy-Ann is often able to resolve long-standing disputes or bring about resolution where there are a multitude of complex issues or in cases where emotions are running high. Lucy-Ann is often praised by clients and judges for her common-sense and child focused approach.

Education

University:
University of Bristol, Politics, Philosophy & Sociology (1995)

Post Grad:
College of Law (Guildford), Law (2001)

Law School:
College of Law (2002)

Memberships

FLBA
Lincoln's Inn

Qualifications

Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) (University of Bristol)