

**LUCY-ANN DALE**

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)