

CHRISTINA WARNER

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Practice Areas:
Child Arrangements
Domestic Violence &
Injunctions
Financial Remedies

Christina manages a busy practice specialising in matters involving Children Act and Family Law Act proceedings.

Christina accepts [direct access](#) cases.

Undertaking all aspects of private law family work, Christina has a particular interest in dealing with matters concerning domestic violence and/or children. She has represented clients with an international aspect to their cases and has been instructed in cases where the Hague Convention applies. This has often required cross-jurisdictional disclosure applications and research into the legal workings of other countries, as well as dealing with experts from other jurisdictions.

Christina has nurtured a strong Spanish and Portuguese-speaking client base throughout London, building ties with many charities and representing individuals from these communities. Particularly interested in assisting those from non-traditional or alternative family structures, Christina has advised non-biological parents, single carers and same sex couples as to the legal recourse available to them, especially when considering matters surrounding human rights.

Christina undertook a secondment at the Office of the Prosecutor at the International Criminal Court, The Hague in 2016 where she contributed to the Prosecution Division's policy on children as well as assisting in the prosecution of cases involving child soldiers and children involved in sexual slavery. Christina also contributed to the advocacy training programme at the ICC as both a member of the training panel and as an assessor.

Christina was appointed associate counsel to the ICC in December 2017, permitting her to represent victims of war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide.

Prior to being called to the bar in 2014, Christina was admitted to the roll of solicitors in September 2012 and worked at numerous Legal 500 firms. Throughout her legal career, she has also worked as a legal journalist and interpreter.

From October 2012 to March 2013, Christina was duty solicitor at the Croydon Family Justice Centre. During her time there, she dealt with a variety of cases but mainly advised on matters involving domestic violence or welfare and safety risks to children.

Pro bono

Christina has contributed to the work of numerous women's and LGBTQ+ charities including [Latin America Women's Aid](#), [Latin American House](#), and [Solace Women's Aid](#), and was the legal trainer for LGBT charities, [GALOP](#) and [Broken Rainbow](#), offering training on legal approaches surrounding domestic abuse and the court process.

Seminars

- Domestic Abuse and CoVid-19, webinar in collaboration with Positive Links, 6th May 2020.
- Keynote speaker at National LGBT Domestic Abuse conference, 9th May 2019.

Publications

- 'Finding the 'fact' in fact-findings: the trouble with PD 12J', Family Law, June 2019, Vol. 49.
- 'Draft Domestic Abuse Bill: Progress or Pitfall', Counsel Magazine, May 2019.
- 'How departure from the ICC by African states has triggered immunity vs impunity debate', Criminal Bar Quarterly, Spring 2018.
- 'Increasing sentences for animal cruelty offences', Criminal Law & Justice Weekly, 21 October 2017.
- 'ICC & "Honey Trap"', Criminal Law & Justice Weekly, 14 October 2017. 'NATO's Article 5', Criminal Law & Justice Weekly, 5 August 2017.
- 'How medical fraud is highlighting growing danger of press freedom in Mexico', Criminal Law & Justice Weekly, 26 May 2017.
- 'Europe: gender-based violence', Criminal Law & Justice Weekly, 4 March 2017.
- 'Is the Minsk ceasefire working?' Criminal Law & Justice Weekly, 28 January 2017.
- 'Why an Olympic medal strengthens Kosovo's appeal for independence', Criminal Law & Justice Weekly, 24 January 2017. 'ICC: court of last resort', Counsel Magazine, December 2016.
- 'Street justice? – the war on drugs in the Philippines', Criminal Law & Justice Weekly, 29 October 2016.
- 'ICC: destruction of cultural sites', Criminal Law & Justice Weekly, 1 October 2016.
- 'The International Criminal Court's draft policy on children', Criminal Law & Justice Weekly, 15 October 2016.
- 'Domestic violence: the impact on pets', The Journal of Animal Welfare Law, December 2014.
- 'Update: developments in legislation regarding dangerous dogs', Magistrate Magazine, August 2011; re-published in The Journal of Animal Welfare Law, Autumn 2011.
- 'Update: Legal Aid and the Magistrates Court', Magistrate Magazine, June 2009.
- 'Review: mobile policing units in London', The Advocate, May 2009.

Education

LLM (Queen Mary University of London)

LLB (Hons) English and Spanish Law (University of Kent)

Diploma en Derecho Español (Universidad Complutense de Madrid)

Memberships

- [Family Law Bar Association](#)
- [Middle Temple](#)
- [International Bar Association](#)
- [Amnesty International](#)
- [UK Centre for Animal Law](#)
- [Lawyers with Disabilities](#)
- [LAGLA LGBTQ+ Lawyers](#)

Languages

Spanish (native)

Portuguese (intermediate)

French (basic)