

JANET MITCHELL

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Practice Areas:
Abduction & International
Movement
Adoption & Special
Guardianship
Care Proceedings
Child Arrangements
Court of Protection
Domestic Violence &
Injunctions

"Janet Mitchell is noted for her abilities in private and public Law children matters". "She is a fantastic advocate who displays impeccable judgement". "She is well versed in a variety of public and private children matters from child death and non-accidental injury cases to adoption and abduction related proceedings". "A fantastic advocate". **Chambers & Partners**

Practice Overview

Janet Mitchell is an highly experienced advocate with an extensive practice in all areas of public law relating to children. Janet Mitchell has a formidable reputation for skilled and strong advocacy with a real commitment to achieving the best outcomes for her clients. She places high importance on researching and preparing each case with a great deal of attention to detail.

Janet Mitchell has a reputation for approaching both professional and lay clients in the same professional but empathetic manner ensuring that each one of her clients can be confident that they are being listened to and that they are getting the very best legal representation.

Areas of Practice

Janet Mitchell's practice includes cases involving allegations of serious non-accidental injury, sexual abuse and domestic violence, cases involving complex medical evidence including EDS and fabricated illness, cases involving adoption and special guardianship and cases involving evidence from children and vulnerable adults and cases involving international jurisdiction issues such as Brussels II jurisdiction and placement abroad, child abduction, child-trafficking, forced marriage, female genital mutilation (FGM) and honour-based violence.

Janet Mitchell has represented local authorities, parents, interveners, vulnerable adults and children. She has appeared before the Court of Protection in cases concerning vulnerable adults. Janet Mitchell often appears in cases involving Queen's Counsel.

Janet Mitchell is regularly instructed through insurance companies on behalf of interveners such as nannies and nursery staff and other professional care workers who find themselves involved as alleged perpetrators of child abuse because of their hands on day-to-day care of children who are the subject of non-accidental injury allegations.

Her practice in the last 5 years has involved lengthy contested care hearings in respect of serious and complex allegations of child abuse which require careful and in-depth analysis of extensive medical evidence from clinicians and experts, hospitals records, accounts given by lay witnesses and parties and by reference to up- to-date medical and scientific research.

Education

University of London

Law School:
Inns of Court School of Law

Memberships

[Family Law Bar Association](#)
[Middle Temple](#)

Languages

French

Cases

Re B (Children) [2010] EWCA Civ 363

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

Re W (Care Proceedings: Witness Anonymity) [2002] EWCA Civ 1626