

**PRIVATE: IAN GRIFFIN**

Private: Ian Griffin  
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**Practice Areas:**  
Abduction & International  
Movement  
Adoption & Special  
Guardianship  
Care Proceedings  
Child Arrangements

**What our clients are saying**

Having instructed Ian in child care cases for twenty years or so, I can testify to his thorough and forthright approach. He is calm and reassuring with clients to whom he gives clear and unambiguous advice; and he is articulate and persuasive with judges. Maurice Guyer, Partner, Vickers & Co Solicitors (2019)

'Ian is our go to counsel for particularly challenging child care cases, where Ian's gravitas, charm and experience, sets the tone in inter-party discussions, and ensures we have a safe pair of hands in the court room.' Rashad Yaqoob, Senior Lawyer, London Borough of Hillingdon (2019)

"Incredibly knowledgeable, experienced and supportive, Ian Griffin is go to Counsel for complex child care cases. Ian goes over and above to ensure that cases are well prepared for court and is always a pleasure to work with". Lisa Phelps, Solicitor, South London Legal Partnership (2019)

**Expertise**

Ian has developed a successful and busy practice in all areas relating to children law acting in both private and public law proceedings.

In private law children cases, Ian acts for parents and children in all levels of court, with varying levels of complexity.

In public law proceedings, Ian is regularly instructed by local authorities, parents and by solicitors acting for children in a wide range of complex and demanding cases and in areas that include non-accidental injury, cases with international elements such as moving children across international borders, 'miracle baby' cases, sexual abuse, severe neglect and mental health issues of a psychiatric and psychological nature. Ian is familiar with cases involving immigration issues and acts for a broad spectrum of clients in relation to adoption.

Prior to his career at the Bar, Ian was a qualified registered nurse and worked in all major central London teaching hospitals. Ian's medical background gives him unique experience and understanding of the issues and factual circumstances often found in severe physical abuse cases requiring medical treatment, such as head injury and fracture cases.

**Education**

University of North London, LLB (Hons) (1995)

Post-Graduate:

Kings College London, Medical Law & Medical Ethics, MA (1996)

Law School:

Inns of Court School of Law (1997)

### **Memberships**

[Family Law Bar Association](#)

[Middle Temple](#)