

PAUL MURRAY

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Practice Areas:
Adoption & Special
Guardianship
Care Proceedings
Child Arrangements

'Paul has a great depth of knowledge and experience in his field which inspires enormous confidence in clients and lawyers alike. He is committed to getting the right outcome and is a delight to work with as an instructing solicitor. He will fight hard when it is needed without being unreasonable or aggressive and is someone I wish I could instruct more often.' **Anne Deller, Clifton Ingram LLP**

About

Paul Murray qualified as a solicitor in 1999. Prior to qualifying as a solicitor Paul spent 12 years working as a social worker in several London Boroughs. His last post was with the London Borough of Hillingdon as Team Manager of the Youth Justice Team.

He became a partner in a large North West London firm (IBB Solicitors). As a Children Panel lawyer, he carried a high caseload of complex files at FPC, County Court, High Court and Court of Appeal level. 2007, he was admitted as a solicitor advocate after obtaining a Higher Rights Qualification (Civil Proceedings).

Practice overview

Paul has acted regularly for both CAFCASS and the Official Solicitor. He also has particular experience acting for parents, children, and guardians in Rule 16.4 private law cases and adoption and special guardianship proceedings.

In recent years Paul has developed a particular specialism in representing competent children in both public and private law proceedings. His professional background and experience have proved valuable in enabling him to establish trust and rapport with children of all ages and adults with psychological and mental health difficulties.

Throughout his career as a barrister, Paul has involved himself with numerous non-profit associations and organisations focusing on children's rights and child protection issues. He has been a member of the executive committee of the Association of Lawyers for Children and organised the 17th National Conference held in November 2006.

Until recently, he was a member of the Safeguarding Commission for the Diocese of Northampton. In 2008, he was invited to join a pro-bono panel of lawyers who advised the Children's Commissioner.

Education

University of Westminster

Memberships

[FLBA](#)

[Association of Lawyers for Children](#)

[Middle Temple](#)

Qualifications

CQSW – Certificate of Qualification in Social Work

Client Testimonials

Paul is everything a lawyer acting for the Local Authority could wish for. He is extremely experienced, knowledgeable, capable, personable and the perfect advocate to have in court as he will represent the client exceedingly well. He is always calm and is never phased, either in court or during the life of a case generally. I have dealt with complicated matters with Paul as counsel and he has been gently guiding when needed and will always make himself available to speak to which I have always appreciated. I cannot recommend Paul highly enough, he is fantastic. **Claire French FCILEx – Lawyer**

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