

JACQUI GILLIATT

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Practice Areas:
Abduction & International
Movement
Adoption & Special
Guardianship
Care Proceedings
Child Arrangements

Expertise

"Jacqui Gilliatt is routinely instructed in cases involving issues of a serious magnitude, including those concerning fictitious illness, allegations of sexual abuse and injury, and drug and alcohol misuse. "Jacqui is clear and concise, and determined and incisive in both her written and oral submissions. She shows exceptional attention to detail, without losing sight of the overall picture, and her cross-examinations are simply outstanding." **Chambers UK Bar 2019**

Jacqui has over 25 years' experience in cases about children both between parents (and other family members) and involving social services. She is trained in and enthusiastic about accepting direct access instructions.

Jacqui's practice has included cases involving: baby shaking, complex or conflicting medical evidence, disability, disputes between same sex couples, domestic violence, education law, fabricated allegations, forced marriage & 'honour' violence, human rights, human trafficking, incest, international law, intractable contact / residence disputes, mental health, non-accidental injuries, Official Solicitor, parallel criminal proceedings, placement outside the jurisdiction, sexual abuse, substance misuse & addiction, sudden infant death, transgender issues & unexplained deaths.

Jacqui is a member of Jordan's Family Law Advisory Board and is the General Editor of the [Family Law Week Blog](#). She regularly presents seminars on family law topics.

Jacqui has her own recently relaunched website, [Children in Law](#) (now incorporating Bloody Relations & new blogs Paramount Considerations, Family Law Webworld & The Law Is a Funny Business). She also curates several online papers, [Fami.li Law](#) & [Decree Absolute](#) (Paper.Li) and [Children in Law](#), [Decree Absolute](#) & [Legal In General](#) (Scoop It).

Recent seminars have included:

- Advocacy in Public Law Proceedings (Jordans 2009, 2010)
- Hair Alcohol Testing (2010)
- PLO Podcast (2010)
- Children Across Borders (2013 LBLA Conference)
- s 20: Local Authorities on the Naughty Step (2015 LBLA Conference)

Recently published articles include [S 20 Children Act 1989: Consent not Coercion: Issue or Be Damned](#) on Family Law Week and [s17 & Child Arrangements Orders](#) on the Local Government Lawyer

Education

University: Oxford

Law School: Westminster University

Memberships

FLBA
Middle Temple

Languages

French
Spanish (Basic)

Cases

M-B (Children) [2015] EWCA Civ 1027

Re C (A Child) [2013] EWCA Civ 1257

I-A (Children) (2012) EWCA Civ 582 (2012) EWCA Civ 582

London Borough of Richmond v B & Ors [2010] EWCA 2903 (Fam)

A Council v B & Ors [2007] EWHC 2688 (Fam)

A Local Authority v S, W & T [2004] EWHC 1270 (Fam); [2004] 2 FLR 129

Re C (Care Order or Supervision Order) [2001] 2 FLR 466

Re C & B (Care Order: Future Harm) [2000] EWCA Civ 3040; [2001] 1 FLR 611

Publications

S 17 & Child Arrangements Orders | 17th Mar 2016

Practice points flowing from policies on s 17 Children Act 1989 when child arrangements orders are made: available from [Local Government Lawyer](#)

Section 20 Children Act 1989: Consent not Coercion: Issue or Be Damned | 26th Nov 2015

A round up of case law on Section 20 of the Children Act 1989 published by Family Law Week by Jacqui Gilliatt & Amy Slingo available at [Family Law Week](#)

I'm Leaving On a Jet Plane, Don't Know When I'll Be Back Again: Can I Take the Children With Me? | 08th Jul 2007

A review of the law governing the removal of children from the jurisdiction and within the UK. Available at [Family Law Week](#).

The Interim Removal of Children from their Parents (Updated): Emergency Protection Orders, Interim Care Orders, Re L & the Baby P Effect | 11th Dec 2008

Updated article in 2007 covering developments including the decision of Ryder J in **Re L (A Child) [2007] EWHC 3404 (Fam)**, the Nottinghamshire baby case, Baby P, the implementation of the PLO etc. Available at [Family Law Week](#).

Hair Alcohol Tests: How To Make Sure Your Client Does Not Have A Bad Hair Day | 28th Feb 2011

An article looking at hair alcohol testing. Also available in the Solicitors Journal (registration required for full

article).

Testing, Testing: Hair Alcohol Test in the Family Court | 01st Sep 2013

An article for the ALC Newsletter (Summer / Autumn 2011, Issue 48) examining the implications of the decision in Richmond London Borough Council v B, W, B and CB [2010] EWHC 2903. Also available at The Barrister Magazine.

Draft Letter of Instruction to Experts | 31st Jan 2013

This text takes account of the 2013 Public Law Outline, the Practice Directions relevant to experts in Family Proceedings (PD 25 A-F) & previous Family Justice Council guidance now contained at the end of Practice Direction 25C. At the end of this document is an extract from the case of Re F (Children) (DNA Evidence) [2007] EWHC 3235 on the instructions to DNA experts. The Draft Letter of Instruction to Experts is also available here (click on the picture of the parcel).

Teaching & The Law | 01st Feb 1999

Published by Routledge – Available from [Amazon](#).

The increased accountability of teachers has meant that actions on negligence are a reality. This is a comprehensive guide to all aspects of the law for teachers, covering everything from the employment relationship to lesson content and discipline.

Civil Advocacy: A Practical Guide | 01st Aug 2001

Published by Routledge-Cavendish – Available from [Wildys](#).

A practical guide to practice and procedure in courts and tribunals. It is aimed at the recently qualified practitioner, pupil barristers, trainee solicitors, or lawyers unversed in advocacy and procedure.

Parental Responsibility | 03rd Aug 2014

An article for WestLaw addressing the circumstances in which parental responsibility can be acquired or lost.