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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Children (Public and Private Law)
Ancillary Relief
Cohabitee Property Disputes
Inheritance Act and Family Provision
Financial Provision for Children

Although originally practising in personal injury, landlord & tenant and housing law as well as family work, Jane Drew has for some time specialised in the field of children's law with an emphasis on public law Children Act proceedings, in which she acts for local authorities, parents and guardians. She has particular expertise in cases involving sexual abuse, non-accidental head injury in babies and fabricated illness. In private law children's work, she has wide experience of intractable contact disputes both as a barrister and as a Deputy District Judge. She is committed to representing parents with mental health difficulties and those with drug or alcohol problems.

She lectures on cohabitee law and related property disputes, where her experience in the field is invaluable.

She sits as a Deputy District Judge at the Principal Registry of the Family Division.

REPORTED CASES

Haringey LBC v MA, JN, IA [2008] EWHC 1722 (Fam) [2008] 2 FLR 1857

Adoption – International adoption – Family placement – Permission for child to live abroad – Placement to assess prospects of successful adoption by persons living abroad – Whether in breach of Adoption and Children Act 2002

Re B (Adoption: Father's Objections) [1999] 2 FLR 215

Adoption - Step-parent adoption - Natural father objecting to adoption application

Re O (Minors) (Medical Examination) [1993] 1 FLR 860

Care - Family proceedings court - Justices giving direction for medical examination on making interim care order

B v Derbyshire County Council [1992] 1 FLR 538

Care proceedings - Father of little boy convicted of indecent assault on girl within family unit - Local authority applying for care orders concerning the little boy and three other girls

M v Westminster City Council [1985] FLR 325

Care proceedings - Application on ground that children's proper development being avoidably prevented or neglected - Evidence of neglect

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