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Roger McCarthy QC

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Family and Public and Administrative Law

Public and Administrative Law

He has expertise in the following areas:- public law, judicial review, care standards (residential and non-residential), mental health, education, community care, social services, health service powers and duties, local government powers, human rights and coroners' inquests. He has appeared in a wide range of different courts and tribunals and is used to acting for a wide range of clients (individuals, providers, regulators, corporate and public bodies).

Family Law

His practice includes children (care proceedings and private law), adoption, abduction, fostering, learning disabilities, inherent jurisdiction, human rights and judicial review. He is very well used to dealing both with local authorities and with clients under extreme stress. He has extensive trial experience of disputed cases on interpersonal disagreements, complex expert evidence (both medical and non-medical), disputed illness, fatalities and serious injuries, intergenerational disputes, education, conflicting cultures and divergent religious beliefs.

Important Reported Cases include:-

Albert v Lavin (HL) 1981
Westminster City Council v Croyalgrange (HL) 1986
Commission for Racial Equality v Dutton (CA) 1989
R v Harrow LBC ex p D (CA) 1990
D v D (County Court Jurisdiction) (CA) 1993
R v Devon CC ex p Baker (CA) 1995
R v Islington LBC ex p Rixon Times (QB CO) 1996
Steane v Chief Adjudication Officer and anor (HL) 1996
Re F (Adult Patient) (CA) 2000
R (L), R (R) v Manchester CC (Adm Ct) 2001
R (NAGALRO) v CAFCASS (Adm Ct) 2001
Cowl v Plymouth CC (CA) 2002
Re A (Care Proceedings: Asylum Seekers) (FD) 2003
Re An inquiry: Restraint on Publication / A Local Authority v A Health Authority and Ms A (FD) 2004
Re B (Adoption: Removal from Jurisdiction) B v Birmingham CC 2004 (CA) 2004
Re A (A child) 2004 (CA)
Andrew Moore v Care Standards Tribunal and CSCI (CA) 2005
Birmingham CC v H 2 2006 (FD) 2006
R (Johnson) v Havering LBC 2007, YL v Birmingham CC (CA) 2007
R (Green) v South West Strategic Health Authority and ors (Adm Ct) 2008

A full list of reported cases can be downloaded from chambers' website.

Previous Legal Directory Comments

Public and Administrative Law

Chambers and Partners

".. has impressed several leading practitioners with the speed with which he gets a grip on cases and was reported to be "very constructive and helpful to deal with..."

Family Law

Chambers and Partners

"...his profound intellect is there for all to see.."

"..low key but effective style.."

"..Coram...strong specialist family set. [RM] stands out as the leader. Reflecting the set's strength in children law, he acts for families, guardians and local authorities with "fearless passion". A keen exponent of public law, he is a veteran of numerous judicial reviews.."

Lawyer Magazine

"..has a very good court manner and a good manner with clients as well as being a good lawyer..".

A list of appointments and extra curricular can be downloaded from chambers' website.