

WESTGATE CHAMBERS



Amanda Clarke

Amanda specialises in complex care proceedings. She represents local authorities, parents, children and other family members. The majority of her cases involve non accidental injury, including multi disciplinary medical issues, sexual abuse, and/or chronic neglect. She also appears in adoption and Special Guardianship Order matters.

She is often instructed in matters with an international element. Recently, she has been involved in cases with Czech, Polish, Pakistani, Australian, Thai and Greek nationals.

She is very approachable, sensible and empathetic. She is the barrister of choice for solicitors with vulnerable clients, especially those with a learning disability, mental health difficulties and/or victims of domestic violence. Amanda explains complicated and emotive information to clients in a sensitive and easily understandable way.

Amanda also accepts instructions in straightforward matrimonial finance cases and is well placed to represent clients in disputes relating to both children and finances. She represents parents at School Admissions Appeal Tribunal hearings. In addition, Amanda has a small, but growing, civil/quasi-civil practice including small claims, infant settlements, Education Welfare prosecution, and injunctions, including domestic violence remedies.

Notable Cases

- Re TC and JC (Children: Relocation) [2013] EWHC 292 (Fam), [2013] 2 FLR 484
- Re T (Care Proceedings: Drug Testing) [2012] EWHC 4081 (Fam), [2013] 2 FLR 467

Called 1998

Practice Areas

- Family
- Civil
- Licensing & Regulatory
- Public Access
- Child Arbitration

Qualifications, Associations

- BSc (Hons), University of Manchester (1985)
- Postgraduate Diploma in Law, Manchester Metropolitan University (1997)
- Called to the Bar in July 1998 (Middle Temple)
- Family Law Bar Association
- South Eastern Circuit
- Public Access Bar Association

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