

# WESTGATE CHAMBERS



## Linda Taylor

Linda's first professional qualification was a Certificate of Qualification in Social Work (CQSW). As a social worker she worked initially with vulnerable adults, including those with mental health issues, learning and/or physical disabilities before moving to work in child protection and childcare. Linda undertook s47 child protection investigations, carried out parenting assessments, assessments of kinship carers, and assessments of prospective adopters and acted as lead social worker in a number of care proceedings. Linda's previous experience gives her a unique insight and experience in care proceedings.

Linda now predominantly practices in family law and in particular is experienced in children law. Linda represents children (including separately represented children), parents, other relatives and local authorities in public (emergency protection, care, secure accommodation, placement and adoption) and private (child arrangement, prohibited steps, specific issue, parental responsibility, change of name, removal from the jurisdiction and special guardianship) law applications. Linda has extensive experience of complex cases including non-accidental injury, sexual abuse, FII and cases with an international element.

### Notable Quotes

- "Linda is a conscientious, thorough, experienced advocate. She combines her excellent negotiation and advocacy skills with a cool, calm approachable demeanor which clients and advocates alike can relate to. Above all Linda remains good humoured even in a crisis!" - Family Law
- "Excellent advocate, thorough and very much liked by clients" - Family Law Solicitor
- "A fab result and really happy about this! Linda was fab again!" - Anti-Social Behaviour Officer

### Called 1998

### Practice Areas

- Family
- Public Access

### Qualifications, Associations

- BA(Hons) Birmingham 1987
- MSc (Oxon) 1990
- CQSW 1990
- Post Graduate Diploma in Law/ CPE (College of Law) 1997
- Post Graduate Diploma in Legal Studies/ BVC (ICSL/ City University) 1998

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