

WESTGATE CHAMBERS



Michael Valks

Michael has considerable knowledge and experience in all aspects of Public and Private Family Law. Michael is regularly instructed in complex care cases involving non-accidental injury, sexual abuse and chronic neglect. Michael is also regularly instructed in respect of all aspects of private child law cases including Child Arrangement Orders (determination of where children should live and time spent with other parent etc.), removal from the jurisdiction, child abduction, and domestic abuse.

Michael acts for parents, Guardians, The Official Solicitor, and a number of Local Authorities. He takes pride in his careful preparation of cases with a view to ensuring powerful advocacy.

Notable Cases

- Re: F (minors) (Care Proceedings: contact, Human Rights and s34(4)) CA 22.6.00.
- Times Law Reports and Re: R (Surname; using both parents') (Spanish surname) [2001] 2 FLR 1 358 CA.
- Michael was instructed to advise the Guardian in the leading House of Lords authority of Re: G which provided clarity in respect of the complex issues surrounding applications under s.38(6) of the Children Act 1989 in relation to the correct approach to be taken when considering applications for residential assessments of parents with their children.

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Practice Areas

- Family
- Public Access

Qualifications, Associations

- Member of the Family Law Bar Association
- Law (LLB Hons) Buckingham University
- Bar School (London)

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