

WESTGATE CHAMBERS



Sarah Taite

With a qualification and background in Mental Health nursing prior to being called to the Bar, Sarah is adept at sensitively handling people, particularly those with mental health, social or communication difficulties. She is extremely approachable with a particular skill in dealing with vulnerable clients and their families and gives advice, representation and guidance through all stages of the court proceedings.

Sarah has a mixed practice, which includes crime, all Children Act work and social housing. She regularly appears in the criminal court predominately representing Defendants. She also represents probation, the child support agency, the environment agency and HMRC.

In family Sarah regularly represents parents, Grandparents, other relatives and Guardians (children) in all aspects of applications including Care orders, Adoption, Special Guardianship and Family Assistance Orders.

Sarah accepts work under the Direct Access Scheme and is also trained in the recently introduced DVPOs. She is regularly instructed to give written advice.

Notable Cases

- R v A - Successful application to under s41 MCA 1980 whereby Defendant was subsequently acquitted.
- R v R - Defending mentally vulnerable client charges with dishonesty offences with an intermediary needed.
- R v M – Extensive representations for a mentally unwell defendant charged with benefit fraud. Crown offered no evidence.
- Represented a Mother at Fact Finding hearing where the court made non-accidental injury findings against the father.
- Represented a Mother facing allegations of over-medicating and causing medical misdiagnosis

Called 2008

Practice Areas

- Crime
- Family
- Licensing & Regulatory

Qualifications, Associations

- BA (Hons) first class
- BVC (very competent)
- DipHE (mental health)
- South Eastern Circuit
- Sussex Bar Mess

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