### WESTGATE CHAMBERS



Barrister



Jodie is a Family Law specialist, who accepts instructions in both Private Law and Care Proceedings.

She is well known for her work on behalf of children and vulnerable parents with a complex range of issues including poor mental health, substance misuse issues and learning difficulties, for her in-depth knowledge of the law and procedure and her ability to instantly put her clients at ease with her approachable manner and straightforward advice.

She is regularly praised for her direct approach to advising clients and her impressive forensic analysis skills.

#### **Care Proceedings**

Jodie is instructed on the most serious of Care cases with issues that range from non-accidental injury to sexual or physical abuse.

#### Private Law/Child Arrangements

Jodie has represented parents and children in proceedings concerning serious domestic abuse, sexual abuse and parental alienation. More recently, Jodie has appeared in the High Court where there are applications for Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards and where there are International issues in respect of Recognition and Enforceability of Orders.

Jodie has excellent negotiation skills and is often able to settle cases in highly contentious disputes between parents, achieving good outcomes for children of separated parents.

#### **Direct Access**

Jodie also undertakes pro bono work through Advocate and is happy to accept instructions on a Direct Access basis.

Year of Call: 2014

#### Core Practice Areas:

Family, Private Law, Care Proceedings, Direct Access

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#### **Seminars**

Jodie provides several seminars per year to Solicitor clients. You can find more information on the seminars that Jodie has provided, here.

### Achievements, appointments and memberships

- Family Law Bar Association (Social Secretary)
- LL. B (Hons): University of Sussex, 2010
- LL. M: University of Sussex, 2011
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- BPTC: University of Law, 2013
- Volunteer for Advocate