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Barrister



"Many thanks for all your support and the wonderful service you have provided on my behalf. I think this is an incredible outcome overall, and don't think I would have managed to achieve this without your assistance and supervision."

Amanda accepts instructions in Family law and specialises in Care Proceedings and Private Law matters.

Care Proceedings

Amanda accepts instructions from Parents, Guardians and Intervenors. A significant proportion of her cases involve non-accidental injury, sexual abuse, and/ or chronic neglect. She also appears in Adoption and Special Guardianship Order cases.

Amanda is known for being extremely approachable, sensible and empathetic. She is the barrister of choice for many Solicitors with vulnerable clients, especially those with a learning disability or mental health difficulties.

Private Law

Amanda is regularly instructed in highly emotive and complex Private Law cases, whilst also having considerable experience in dealing with cases involving domestic abuse, coercive control and parental alienation.

Family Arbitration

Alongside her busy court based practice, Amanda became an accredited Child Arbitrator having qualified in 2017.

Direct Access

Amanda accepts instructions through the Direct Access scheme.

Away from her thriving family practice, Amanda is a Senior Lecturer on the Bar Vocational Studies course at City, University of London. She teaches advocacy,

Year of Call: 1998

Core Practice Areas:

Core practice areas: Family, Care Proceedings, Private Law, Family Arbitration, Direct Access

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written skills, and is head of the BVS Family Law team. She is also heavily invested in the further education of children and young adults, having been a Governor, including Chair of Governors, within the state and private sector for the past 10 years.

Achievements, appointments and memberships

- BSc (Hons), University of Manchester (1985)
- Postgraduate Diploma in Law, Manchester Metropolitan University (1997)
- Family Law Bar Association
- South Eastern Circuit
- Direct Access trained
- Children Arbitrator (CIArb)
- Undertakes instructions from Advocate

Family barrister Amanda Clarke's most notable cases include:

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