

# WESTGATE CHAMBERS



## Michael Valks

*'I instructed Mr Valks as a direct access barrister to represent my case in the family courts. I was particularly impressed with how quickly he got to grips with my case and remained emphatic throughout the whole process. He provided real honest and pragmatic advice. During the representation, he was able to very skilfully persuade the judge on such matters. The strategy he used to articulate points was timely and flawless. I am sure because of this we succeeded in our outcomes. I have instructed Mr Valks again for my final court hearing and I look forward to working with him again to help me in such matters.'*  
A Public Access client.

Michael is a family law specialist with over 17 years experience at the Bar. Michael is a leading practitioner in his field with considerable knowledge and experience in all aspects of Public Law and Child Arrangements.

### Public Law

Michael is regularly instructed on behalf of parents, grandparents and Guardians in complex care cases involving allegations of non-accidental injury, sexual abuse, fabricated illness, chronic neglect, substance misuse, DOLS applications and non-disclosure applications in the County and High Courts.

### Child Arrangements

Michael is also regularly instructed in cases concerning Child Arrangements (disputes as to where the child/ren should live/time to be spent with the other parent/grandparent), Specific Issue Orders, Prohibited Steps Orders, cases involving allegations of domestic abuse of all types, including controlling and coercive behaviour, as well as removal from the jurisdiction and parental alienation.

Michael is a friendly and approachable professional who takes pride in his careful preparation of cases with a view to ensuring powerful advocacy.

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### Practice Areas

- Family
- Public Access

### Qualifications, Associations

- Member of the Family Law Bar Association
- Law (LLB Hons) (2.1) Buckingham University
- Bar School (London)

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