



Jo Delahunty QC

Year of Call: 1986 Year of Silk: 2006

Education: MA (Oxon) Jurisprudence

Appointments:

Public Law Family Recorder (South Eastern Circuit) 2009

Bencher the Honorable Society of Middle Temple 2011

Professor of Law Gresham College, London, 2016

Profile

Jo specializes in contentious and highly complex cases at High Court level and above involving:

- The death of/catastrophic injuries to a child
- Non Accidental Head Injury (NAHI)/ Shaken baby allegations (TRIAD cases)
- Vitamin D/Rickets/genetic disorders and congenital malformations which can mimic child abuse
- ISIS cases: alleged radicalisation of children/ risk of flight to Syria
- Sexual abuse (Intergenerational/ Inter sibling/ maternal rape/ genital mutilation/ internet exploitation)
- Ritualized child abuse/cultural practices such as Kndoki
- Child protection cases involving concurrent criminal prosecution for terrorist offences / trafficking/ attempted murder/ child cruelty and neglect/ sex offences
- Fabricated Induced Illness (FII) allegations
- Parents with disabilities (with a particular interest in learning disabilities)
- right of and services for a disabled child within care proceedings
- Cases involving cross examination of a child or vulnerable adult
- Re-litigation/challenge to historic findings of abuse based on emerging science/ fresh factual evidence.

Professional Memberships

Inquest Association of Lawyers for Children

Association of Women Barristers

Family Law Bar Association

The Middle Temple Women's Forum (steering

committee) 2011 – present

Centre for Child and Family Reform (CCFLR) committee 2012–present

Patron of AMEND (The Association for Multiple Endocrine Disorders)

FLBA National committee member 2010 – 13

FLBA chair of Fees sub committee 2012 – 13

Recommendations

'the decision of the children's solicitor and junior counsel to instruct Miss Delahunty QC was, in my view, both wise and responsible ' per Lord Justice McFarlane Re A (2012) EWCA Civ 1477

Directories

Highly sought-after specialist children silk entrusted with the most significant and demanding national cases. She regularly handles matters concerning the most serious injuries and fatalities resulting from sexual assault, radicalism and abuse. She has particular expertise in matters concerning a large amount of complex expert evidence following investigation.

Strengths: "Expert in children work, she is brilliant at distilling a case down to its key issues and is great at strategic planning. Very supportive to instructing solicitors, she's easy to talk to."

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Jo Delahunty QC, has been selected for inclusion in the Seventh Edition of The Best Lawyers in the United Kingdom for her renowned expertise in Family Law

