



Lianne Murphy Joint Head of Chambers

Year of Call: 2001

Inn of Court: Lincoln's Inn

Listed as a leading junior in Family and Children Law in the legal 500.

"She has a first-class mind"

Practice Areas:

Family Law specialist including:

- Public law for children
- Public law for parents
- Private law for Rule 16.4 Guardians
- Specialist Non- Accidental Injury
- Radicalisation
- Medico – Legal
- Human Rights expertise in care proceedings
- FGM
- Sexual abuse
- Jurisdictional expertise in care proceedings

Lianne deals with Children Act applications in the most serious and intractable of proceedings. She specialises in complex care matters involving allegations of non-accidental injury as well as jurisdictional issues and Brussels II. Her forensic and analytical approach is perfectly suited to managing complex medico-legal issues. Lianne is regularly instructed in such matters and has recently been involved in cases concerning infant death, complex inflicted injuries to multiple children and injury sites, FGM and inter familial sexual abuse. Lianne is adept at challenging medical expertise from psychological and psychiatric evidence to paediatric, radiological and neurologically based disciplines.

Lianne has particularly well recognised expertise in Human Rights and recently represented the Mother in the case of Northamptonshire County Council v AS and Others [2015] EWHC 199, securing the first human rights award for damages within the jurisdiction for a parent in care proceedings. Lianne regularly pursues cases where a breach of Article 8 and Article 6 or an abuse of s20 Children Act 1989 is alleged. She has been instrumental in negotiating and litigating numerous settlements on behalf of parents and children and delivers external training on Human Rights Issues in Care Proceedings. Lianne regularly acts upon instruction from the Children's Guardian in both public and private law proceedings,

including recently before the President of the Family Division when innovative use was made of Contact Monitoring Orders, attracting praise from the Bench. Lianne represents parents in both care proceedings and private law applications to permanently remove children from the jurisdiction.

Lianne's exceptional communication skills enable her to deliver sensitive and carefully tailored client care. She makes her client's understanding of both law and process a priority. She works hard to ensure that every client leaves Court understanding the evidence and the rationale for the Judge's decisions.

She is proficient and sensitive in dealing with a broad range of clientele, including independently represented children and the most vulnerable of parents, including those with mental health difficulties and addictive behaviours. Lianne prides herself on treating each client with an equally significant degree of care, diligence and respect.

Lianne's persuasive style and analytical approach to her cases make her a well-respected advocate throughout the Midland's Circuit.

Lianne's working background started as a Business Standards Manager at HSBC Rail. Lianne strives to achieve and maintain the highest standards in her practice, as she was employed to do in business. She regularly adjudicates upon ancillary relief and private law applications when sitting as a Deputy District Judge. Lianne is proud to be Joint Head of Senate House Chambers with Miss Michelle Christie and privileged to have been appointed to the Local Family Justice Board and also to the Bar Standards Board's Professional Conduct Committee.

Reported Cases:

P (A Child), Re [2018] EWCA Civ 720 (11 April 2018)

