



Samantha Dunn Barrister

Year of Call: 2008

Inn of Court: Middle Temple

Degree: LL.B. Law First Class (Hons)

Bar Vocational Course: Nottingham Law School: Very Competent (Outstanding in Professional Ethics)

Practice areas: Family Law specialist (Public, Private and Matrimonial Law)

Samantha is an experienced and established family law practitioner that has specialized primarily in care proceedings. She has experience representing a number of Local Authorities, Guardians, parents and other family members in cases involving:

- Serious non-accidental injuries (fractures - including baby-shake cases, bruising, sexual abuse cases);
- Physical and sexual abuse of children and / or adults;
- Chronic neglect, emotional and psychological abuse;
- Adults or children with learning difficulties and / or disabilities; and
- Cultural or religious elements;
- Care proceedings that involve Human Rights Act claims.

In private law practice, Samantha has experience dealing with:

- Complex finding of fact hearings where allegations of sexual, physical, psychological and emotional abuse are determined;
- Cases where Rule 16.4 Guardians are appointed to represent the child's interests;
- Implacably hostile parents;

She is frequently instructed in complex cases where applications for expert assessments are necessary.

Samantha provides her clients with frank and sensitive advice throughout her involvement with the case. She is tenacious as an advocate and always presents cases persuasively, obtaining the best possible results for her clients.

Memberships:

Member of the Midland Circuit

Member of the Family Law Bar Association.

Member of the Bar Pro Bono Unit.

Notable cases:

T (A Child: Fact Finding) [2014] EWFC B115 (12 September 2014)

NCC v L & Anor [2014] EWHC 4828 (Fam) (21st July 2014)

