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Memberships

- Member of Lincoln's Inn
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Overview

Since commencing practice in 2001, Clare has established herself as one of the leading family law barristers on the Northern Circuit. Clare is widely known as a barrister who brings huge expertise and experience across both public and private law and has represented local authorities, parents, children, and interveners. She is well known for her passion, drive, and determination to achieve the best outcome for her clients and is highly regarded for her effective and efficient case management. Clare is highly respected for her robust approach and is very mindful of the need to manage expectations in very emotive and difficult situations with sensitivity and care.

In addition, Clare is a trained mediator allowing her to undertake mediation in all types of family proceedings. She fully believes in the value of the mediation process within family litigation and believes that both parties in such cases can greatly benefit from the process as an effective way of agreeing to a solution to a dispute, rather than having a solution imposed upon them.

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Cases

E (Relocation – choice between various options within and without the jurisdiction) [2022] EWFC B22 (04 October 2022)

A,B and C (Fact Find: Allegations of Coercive and Controlling Behaviour) (Rev1) [2021] EWFC B103 (01 October 2021)

RE AA (Children) & 25 Ors [2019] EWFC 64: Clare was led by Julia Cheetham QC in this complex multi-handed public law litigation. This appears to be the largest public law family case that has been litigated. There were 15 carecases heard together by Sir Mark Hedley relating to grave sexual abuse allegations in respect of children. Sir Mark Hedley decided the principle of whether there was a power for the Family Court to stop a case at half time and if so the test for it to be exercised. Sir Mark also considered the approach to exoneration of a person who has been the subject of an allegation that could not be proved against them.

Parry v Director of Public Prosecution (2004) EWHC-3112

Beyond the Bar

Clare is a mum of four and a regular cake maker. She also has a keen interest in ice hockey and her Cockapoo pups – Dolly and Cooper.