

**GILL HONEYMAN**

**Call 2011**

**ABOUT ME**

Gill Honeyman is a specialist in children’s law, with particular expertise in care proceedings and complex private law matters. A highly effective advocate, she is regularly instructed on behalf of the child in difficult private law cases by both NYAS and Cafcass Legal. She frequently represents guardians, parents, and competent children who have parted company with their guardians. Since being called to the bar in 2011, Gill has built on twenty years of experience as a children’s specialist solicitor to develop a strong practice.

**EXPERIENCE**

Seen as quietly determined, Gill is a forward thinker and has a firm presence in Coram’s children and international practice teams. A skilled negotiator, Gill is highly experienced in high-conflict and complex private law cases as well as the full range of public law children work, and has developed her practice as a confident and effective advocate for clients of all backgrounds.

Her recent cases included

- Inherent jurisdiction cases with urgent medical treatment issues
- Court of Appeal consideration of the approach to be taken to separate representation of children in care proceedings
- Wardship and other private law cases with an international element, e.g. leave to remain, non-Hague
- summary return
- ‘Stranded spouses’
- Care cases at all levels of court
- Complex fact-finding cases, both public and private law
- High risk cases with police involvement
- High conflict/entrenched private law cases
- Alleged radicalisation of children
- Public law with a BIIR element such as applications to transfer pursuant to Article 15
- Secure accommodation including those involving young women at risk of sexual exploitation
- Representation of young mothers, themselves minors, in care proceedings
- Cases involving use of intermediaries

– Adoption, including leave to oppose and contested adoptions

Gill previously worked at Cafcass Legal, a small team of lawyers who represent children in complex High Court litigation, in tandem with the specialist High Court Team guardians. She also acted as Advocate to the Court, and appeared for separately represented guardians in public law proceedings. She also provided legal advice on a duty basis to Cafcass officers nationally about all aspects of their work. Prior to that she was a freelance advocate, and was on the Children Panel from 1992.

## **PRACTICE AREAS**

Children

International

## **EDUCATION**

2.1 in English from Bristol University

CPE and Law Society Finals at Bristol Polytechnic

Open University Diploma in Spanish

## **LANGUAGES**

Spanish (not fluent)

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Association of Lawyers for Children

Family Bar Association

Grays Inn

## **TESTIMONIALS**

Gill is said to “employ her thoroughness and her personal warmth to all her clients’ benefit. Whilst she will fight their corner, she is not afraid of giving robust advice when necessary and never forgets that there is a child at the centre of family court disputes.”

‘Is excellent with parents and other family members in care proceedings and is patient when dealing with people at their lowest emotional ebb’

(Gill is) willing to spend considerable time with clients.... conscientious and thorough when providing notes and is a calming influence on clients.... makes sure they are aware of all the potential outcomes... a team player who operates very efficiently with solicitors and understands their needs.’

(Gill has)...’Amazing attention to detail...really good at waiting and listening, never misses a trick, then asks the killer question—she will say something that stops everyone in their tracks.’

‘Often gets good results in not the best of circumstances...great with clients, particularly young mothers who are not much more than children themselves.’

## **CASES**

Re EQ [2016] EWHC 3418 (Fam)

W (A Child) [2016] EWCA Civ 1051

London Borough Of Brent v A & B [2016] EWFC B102

P (A Child) [2016] EWCA Civ 3

Re B [2015] EWHC 2735 (Fam)

RCW v A Local Authority (No.2): Re SB [2013] EWHC 2129 (Fam)

Tower Hamlets London Borough Council v MK and Others [2012] EWHC 426 (Fam)

D v N and D (By Her Guardian Ad Litem) [2011] 2 FLR 464

WF v FJ, BF and RF (Abduction: Child’s Objections) [2011] 1 FLR 1153

Re S (Wardship: Stranded Spouses) [2010] EWHC 1669 (Fam)