

**LAURA MCMULLAN**

**Call 2004**

**EXPERIENCE**

Laura is considered an approachable barrister who combines her recognition of the need to negotiate outside court with her determination to achieve a positive outcome for her clients. She fully appreciates the need in appropriate cases to take a more conciliatory approach to ensure a positive long term outcome. Equally she will fight hard in representing clients when facing considerable opposition and is a tenacious advocate when required.

Laura's public law practice includes cases involving neglect, non-accidental injuries and allegations of sexual abuse. She regularly represents parents with learning difficulties, mental health difficulties and/or with alcohol and drugs dependencies. Laura represents Local Authorities, parents and Children's Guardians at all stages of the proceedings, including appeals, and is regularly instructed in adoption and placement order applications.

Laura's private law practice involves all aspects including section 8 proceedings, Special Guardianship applications and leave to remove from the jurisdiction. She is regularly instructed to represent parents, Rule 16.4 guardians and intervenors in fact finding hearings, disposal hearings and appeal hearings. Laura is regularly involved in cases which contain issues of implacable hostility and domestic violence.

Laura has a particular interest in, and is regularly instructed in, cases involving an international element, in particular leave to remove from the jurisdiction on a temporary and permanent basis and child abduction cases. As a result of her previous experience an accredited Senior Immigration and Asylum Caseworker for an immigration and asylum charity, Laura welcomes instruction within cases which contain an immigration element.

Laura has particular experience of representing teenage parents and vulnerable clients within all aspects of her practice.

Laura undertakes the full range of work under the Family Law Act 1996, and the Protection from Harassment Act 1997. She has an established family finance practice, advising and representing clients at all stages of the proceedings.

Laura is trained in direct access work and welcomes direct instruction. She also regularly contributes to the Family Law Week website.

**PRACTICE AREAS**

Court of Protection

Children

Human Rights

International

**EDUCATION**

LLB (Hons), Exeter University

Diploma in French Law, University of Aix-Marseille, France

European Master of Arts in Human Rights, University of Padua, Italy

Bar Vocational Course, College of Law, London

**LANGUAGES**

A good level of French

Basic German

Basic Spanish

Basic Japanese

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Family Law Bar Association

Human Rights Lawyers Association

Association of Lawyers for Children

Young Legal Aid Lawyers Association

Inner Temple

**PUBLICATIONS**

- Case Summary Re P (Children) [2014] EWCA Civ 852
- Case Summary North Somerset Council v LW and others (Care and RRO) [2014] EWHC 1670 (Fam)
- Case Summary H (A Child) [2014] EWCA Civ 271
- Case Summary Re F (Abduction: Consent) [2014] EWHC 484 (Fam)
- Case Summary B-G (A Child) [2014] EWHC 444 (Fam)
- Case Summary Re M (A Child) [2014] EWCA Civ 152
- Case Summary Re S (A Child) [2014] EWCA Civ 25
- Case Summary Re DF and GF [2013] EWHC 2607 (Fam)-1
- Case Summary C (A Child) & Anor v KH [2013] EWCA Civ 1412
- Case Summary F (A Child) [2013] EWCA Civ 1277
- Case Summary F v F [2013] EWHC 2683 (Fam)
- Case Summary NN v ZZ & Ors [2013] EWHC 2261 (Fam)
- Case Summary Solomon v Solomon and Others 2013 EWCA Civ 1095
- Case Summary London Borough of Camden v Caratt & Others [2013] EWHC 2335 (Fam)
- Case Summary K v London Borough of Brent [2013] EWCA Civ 926
- Case Summary M v F and H [2013] EWHC 1901 (Fam)
- Case Summary Chaudhary v Chaudhary [2013] EWCA Civ 758
- Case Summary M (A Child) [2013] EWCA Civ 743
- Case Summary Mohan v Mohan [2013] EWCA Civ 586
- Case Summary Re D (A Child) [2012] EWHC 4231 (Fam)
- Case Summary R (on the application of T) v Legal Aid Agency [2013] EWHC 960 (Admin)
- Case Summary ET, BT and CT (Children) v Islington [2013] EWCA Civ 323
- Case Summary R (on the application of ES) v LB of Barking & Dagenham [2013] EWHC 691 (Admin)
- Case Summary I (A Child) & J (A Child) [2013] EWCA Civ 259
- Case Summary Shami v Shami [2013] EWCA Civ 227
- Case Summary A London Borough v A [2012] EWHC 2203 (Fam)
- Case Summary Zuk v Zuk [2012] EWCA Civ 1871
- Case Summary W (A Child) [2012] EWCA Civ 1828
- Case Summary Bridgend County Borough Council v GM & Anor [2012] EWHC 3118 (Fam)