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OVERVIEW

Caroline practises in all areas of the law relating to children, with particular expertise in complex child protection proceedings in the Family Court and the High Court and cases involving issues of neurodivergence.

PRACTICE AREAS

Public Law Children

International Family Law

Alternative Families

Private Law Children

EXPERIENCE

Caroline is regularly instructed in the most serious cases, including cases with allegations of life changing inflicted injuries, murder, poisoning and FII.

Caroline is known for coupling strong advocacy and clear and thorough advice with compassionate and sensitive client care.

Caroline is able to think creatively to find practical solutions in tricky situations. Caroline’s ability to digest and analyse the most complex medical evidence is well recognised.

Caroline has been praised for her ability to forensically examine the fine details of the evidence, whilst not losing sight of the wider issues in a case.

Caroline has a strong commitment to access to justice and she is a founding member of FLANC (Family Law Advice for the Neurodivergent Community) whose aim is to ensure that the family justice system properly meets the needs of neurodivergent adults, children and families. Along with her FLANC colleagues Caroline won the Innovation Champion at the Resolution Awards 2024 and Family Law Innovation of the Year at the Family Law Awards 2024.

Caroline was a contributor to the FJC Guidance on Neurodiversity in the Family Justice System for Practitioners which was published in January 2025. Caroline also regularly writes articles for professional journals and magazines and provides training to a range of professionals and professional bodies.

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

University of Durham (BA Hons)
College of Law (GDL, BVC and LLB)
Family Law Bar Association
Association of Lawyers for Children
Inner Temple
Co-founder of FLANC
Member of Resolution

CASES

[Re Y and others \(Fact-Finding: Perpetrator\) \[2024\] EWCA Civ 1034](#)

[Re T and others \(Children\) \(Adequacy of Reasons\) \[2023\] EWCA Civ 757](#)

[A Local Authority v the Mother and others \[2024\] EWFC 37 \(B\) \(8th February 2024\)](#)

[Prospective Adopters v Ealing London Borough Council and others \[2023\] EWFC 294 \(B\) \(14th November 2023\)](#)

PUBLICATIONS

[“Neurodivergence and suitability for mediation” \[2025\] with Naomi Goode, psychotherapist with The Mediation Space](#)

[“Neurodivergence and family law: an introduction, assessments and adjustments” \[2024\] Fam law 1250](#)

[“Designation of Care and Supervision Orders: key themes and practical advice” with Shiva Ancliffe KC \[2025\] Fam law](#)

Counsel Magazine December 2024 [“Being FLANC: neurodivergence and barriers in family justice”](#).

TESTIMONIALS

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“Caroline is extremely strong in cross-examination. She really digests the whole case and even picks up on small details that make all the difference. She is great with clients, very empathetic and explains clearly to them in plain language.” **Legal 500 2024. Ranked: Tier 6**