

#### **DANIELLE LEWIS**

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## **OVERVIEW**

Danielle is a family law practitioner specialising in child law with extensive experience across the spectrum of public and private law proceedings. Danielle's main area of practice lies in the public law field, where she regularly acts in care and adoption proceedings in all levels of court.

#### **PRACTICE AREAS**

Children Private Children Public

# **EXPERIENCE**

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She is experienced in complex and difficult cases, which include serious non-accidental injury, conflicting medical opinion, sexual, physical, and emotional harm to children, and cases that involve drug and alcohol abuse. Danielle regularly acts for parents, local authorities, grandparents, and other extended family members and for children themselves, whether they are separately and independently represented or through their Children's Guardian. Danielle is also instructed by the official solicitor, as litigation friend, to represent the vulnerable and incapacitated.

Within the private law field, she has extensive experience of residence disputes, intractable contact cases, special guardianship orders and permission to remove a child from the jurisdiction. She is also regularly instructed on behalf of the child in rule 16.4 cases. Having also formerly practised in criminal law Danielle has expertise in issues such as disclosure to and from the police, CPS and criminal courts, public interest immunity applications and linked care and criminal proceedings.

### EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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