

ELLA SHAW

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Instructing Solicitor 2025

OVERVIEW

Ella is a specialist children's lawyer advising and representing clients in both public and private children law and has represented a considerable number of clients on a direct access basis with very positive feedback.

PRACTICE AREAS

Local Authority
Private Law Children
Public Law Children

EXPERIENCE

Ella is experienced in complex public law cases, including sexual abuse, non-accidental injury, forced marriage and honour-based violence. Ella represents local authorities, parents, children, other family members and interveners. Ella is often instructed in cases involving designation, transfer of jurisdiction and cases in which it is proposed a child is to be placed outside of the jurisdiction.

Ella has considerable experience in applications for a Deprivation of Liberty safeguards, secure accommodation orders, adoption applications and proceedings in the Family Drug and Alcohol Court (FDAC).

Ella is recognised by instructing solicitors for her skill in dealing with vulnerable and young clients.

Ella represents clients with respect to Child Arrangement Orders, including enforcement, specific issue and prohibited steps orders. Ella has delivered a number of well attended seminars for solicitors with respect to domestic abuse and fact-finding hearings in private children's cases. Ella has also acted for parents in a number of specific issue applications for permission to relocate or leave to remove a child from the jurisdiction.

Ella also takes instructions on a direct access basis and has received excellent feedback from direct access clients for the representation she has provided and for supporting the clients through the court process.

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Education

University of Liverpool, Law (2004) Law School: BVC, BPP Law School (2006)

Memberships

Family Law Bar Association Middle Temple

REPORTED CASES

Re C (a child) (fact finding: sexual abuse) [2024] EWFC 372 Re P, W and M [2025] EWFC 93

TESTIMONIALS

"I have worked with Ella over a number of years on complex public law cases. Ella is a first choice of Counsel and is extremely diligent and hardworking. She is an instant hit with clients and takes a hands on and collaborative approach from get go. Ella's preparation is meticulous and forensic; she leaves no stone unturned in her preparation. Ella has a real command of the court room and really fights for her clients."

Tom Trim, Osbourne's Law (2025)

"There are few at the Bar who match Ella. Ella is extremely diligent and hardworking. Her preparation is forensic and thorough. She has a fantastic manner with clients and opponents. She is extremely approachable, trustworthy and any client could not have better or more caring representation. Ella's unassuming and modest personality belies her knowledge and expertise."

Catriona Allan, Partner, Goodman Ray (2025)

"Dear Ella, just wanted to extend my huge thanks for your stellar representation on this case and achieving a great result. Also want to pass on verbatim feedback from the client team: 'Can you also thank Ella for us please, she has been great and we would love her to represent us again."

James Haywood, Solicitor LB Bromley (2024)

"Ella is always thoroughly prepared and knows her case inside out. She is good on her feet and very easy to deal with. I always have great confidence when instructing her however difficult the case may be."

Gavin Blackman, Partner, Edwards Duthie Shamash (2020)

"Ella's diligence in ensuring that every detail of this case was covered and no stone was left unturned was quite evident to me throughout the proceedings of this case. Ella is an excellent, articulate professional and her experience really showed."

Lay client (2020)