

HANNAH WHITEHOUSE

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Ranked: Rising Star

Legal 500, 2026

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OVERVIEW

Hannah Whitehouse joined Coram in July 2024, having previously managed a busy practice at a leading set on the North Eastern Circuit for several years. Since joining Coram Chambers, Hannah has been consecutively ranked in the Legal 500 as a Rising Star, both in 2025 and 2026.

Hannah’s practice spans across all areas of family law, with a particular emphasis on complex care proceedings that involve challenging circumstances for parents. Hannah has extensive experience in non-accidental injury cases, including fabricated and induced illness, head injuries, and complex genetic issues. Hannah is well versed in the cross-examination of court appointed experts.

Her expertise extends to financial remedies, private law children cases, and Family Law Act applications, such as non-molestation orders and occupation orders. As a direct access qualified barrister, Hannah has provided crucial assistance to clients navigating acrimonious private law proceedings.

Recognised by professional clients as a safe pair of hands, Hannah is known for her instinctive judgment, effective client handling, and efficiency. Members of the Bench consistently describe her as invariably well prepared, with polished and persuasive advocacy.

In 2025, Hannah was successful in the Appeals and overturning of two separate fact-finding hearings, both at Circuit Judge and Court of Appeal level. Both cases were re-heard, resulting in the desired outcome for the client in both hearings.

Hannah regularly writes for and features in the Family Law Journal outside of her court work, contributing her insights on various aspects of family law.

PRACTICE AREAS

Finance and Private Client
Private Law Children
Public Law Children
Family Law Act Injunctions

EXPERIENCE

Hannah read Law at Jesus College, University of Cambridge (2018), before completing her LLM in Bar Professional Practice at BPP University Law School, Birmingham (2019), where she was awarded an “Outstanding” in the BPTC element of the course (coming top in her cohort).

Hannah was called to the Bar in 2019 and was a member of a leading set on the North Eastern circuit from October 2020, following the successful completion of pupillage.

Hannah quickly developed a busy and successful practice in all aspects of family law, with her receiving frequent and repeated instructions from both professional and lay clients (on a direct access basis).

Hannah is regularly instructed in matters involving allegations of domestic abuse, implacable hostility, and alienating behaviour. Hannah also has a wealth of experience in representing parties in multi-day domestic abuse finding of fact hearings. Hannah has recently been instructed in cases relating to both internal and external relocation, resulting in an article being prepared for the Family Law Journal.

Hannah also has significant experience in representing the Local Authority, parents, and children (through their children’s guardian) in public law proceedings, with her workload frequently encompassing allegations of non-accidental injury (including fabricated and induced illness, head injuries, and complex bone injuries). Hannah has experience in managing vulnerable witnesses, including those that lack litigation capacity, and is accredited by the Bar Council for having completed vulnerable witness advocacy training.

Hannah is also experienced in dealing with a range of financial remedy matters, with her financial remedy practice encompassing modest to high value cases involving issues such as conduct, add-back, dissipation of assets, the management of small to medium businesses, managing debts, pensions, and enforcement. Hannah has also delivered several webinars and published articles on the topic of costs in financial remedy proceedings.

Hannah has been direct access qualified since 2021 and is regularly instructed in Private Law Children on this basis.

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Education

LLM in Bar Professional Practice, BBP University Law School, Birmingham – Distinction (2019) with an Outstanding in the BPTC element of the course.

BA in Law, Jesus College, University of Cambridge – Upper second class (2018)

Professional Memberships

The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple

Family Law Bar Association

CASES

[R & S \(Minors\) \(Salt-Poisoning\) \(No.1: Fact-Finding\), Re \[2024\] EWFC 439 \(14 May 2024\)](#)

[A \(Transfer of Residence\) \[2021\] EWFC B58 \(19 August 2021\)](#)

[The Chief Constable of West Yorkshire Police v FP & Anor \[2024\] EWFC 130 \(07 May 2024\)](#)

PUBLICATIONS

Temporary removal from the jurisdiction: practical advice and existing guidance [2024] Fam Law 508.

‘Failure to remove’ cases: when does the duty of care arise – and what is the impact on the family justice system? [2023] Fam Law 298.

Modest assets and the evolution of the financial remedy court [2022] Fam Law 881.

Modest assets at the time of Covid-19: practical considerations and cost-effective case management [2021] Fam Law 116.

The Barrister Magazine: “Domestic abuse case law update: a whistle stop tour of the last two years” number 97, Trinity Term Edition, 2023

Publication in the Legalease Journal: Domestic Abuse: What do we do now?, Family Law Journal, June 2021, Issue 204.

TESTIMONIALS

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