



Sally Terris

Qualification(s): MA – St Catharine's College, Cambridge

Year of Call: 1997

Inn: Middle Temple

Main Areas of Practice:

Family:

- Public Law
- Private Law
- Ancillary Relief

Areas of Practice

Family specialist, particularly intractable cases, including:

- Abduction
- Adoption
- Ancillary Relief, including family businesses, farms and pensions
- Private Law Children Act
- Contentious Probate
- Cohabitation
- Domestic Violence
- Foreign Marriages and Divorces
- Inheritance Act
- Permanent Removal from Jurisdiction
- Wardship

Substantial involvement in cases with a cultural element, both money and children, for example, numerous lay clients of UK Pakistani, African, Indian and Thai origin. Instructed in all aspects of the Children Act applications by private clients, local authorities, Children's Guardians and the Official Solicitor.

Public law work includes assessments, attachment disorders, baby-shaking, conflicting expert evidence, complex radiological and/or neurological evidence, depression, domestic violence, fictitious and/or induced illness, learning disabled

parents, 'perpetrator' cases, personality disorders and sexual abuse.

Extensive experience of difficult contact and residence disputes, including the appointment of a Children's Guardian under Rule 9.5 and findings of fact in cases of alleged domestic violence.

Cases of Importance

Re S (A Child) Contact (Committal) The Times (9 December 2004), Family Law (March 2005), 1 FLR [2005] (CA) – represented an implacably hostile mother of UK Pakistani origin against whom a custodial order had been made because of her persistent flouting of contact orders. The case provided a '*graphic illustration*' of the difficulties facing practitioners within the family courts system. The appeal court went beyond its appellate remit in order to make suggestions as to how the stalemate might be resolved (cf. Family Law Journal).

Additional Information

Member of Specialist Associations: Family Law Bar Association, North Eastern Circuit, Doctors in Law, South & West Yorkshire Medico-Legal Societies, South Yorkshire Family Court Forum

Languages: French and German