



## Sara Mann

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Year of Call: 1994

Sara read Law at Leeds Metropolitan University and was called to the Bar by Middle Temple in 1994.

### Memberships

- Family Law Bar Association

### EXPERTISE

#### Family - Children

A family law specialist with particular emphasis on public law children proceedings, Sara's organised and committed approach to her case preparation and her down to earth approach with clients has been recognised by professional and lay clients respectively.

Within public law proceedings Sara regularly represents Local Authorities, parents, relatives and children at all stages of the proceedings, including finding of fact hearings and final hearings. Her experience includes cases involving serious physical injuries, complex medical issues, neglect, domestic violence, drug and alcohol misuse and sexual abuse.

She has appeared against leading counsel and is regularly instructed in complex and lengthy matters.

Sara's experience in private law cases has involved her dealing with issues of domestic violence, sexual abuse and emotional harm and has seen her representing parents and children within those proceedings.

Sara also has a particular interest in relocation from the jurisdiction cases and internal relocations.

Sara provides a friendly and approachable manner with clients and a reasonable, practical and

constructive approach to litigation and negotiations.

She has appeared at all levels up to and including the Court of Appeal and she has provided training to a number of local authorities and solicitors.

## Cases

### **NG v GA (Jurisdiction Art 10 BIIa) [2019] EWHC 1412 (Fam)**

Represented the mother of a 10-year-old boy with special educational needs, who applied to have the boy returned to this jurisdiction from Ghana. [Read the judgment.](#)

### **Medical Treatment to a Minor without Parental Consent**

Represented a sick thirteen-month-old baby whose parents did not want her to have potentially life-saving treatment. The case gained coverage on the [BBC](#), [Huffington Post](#), [Metro](#) and the [Manchester Evening News](#).

### **J V B (ULTRA-ORTHODOX JUDAISM: TRANSGENDER)**

Acted for a transgender parent who was seeking contact to her five children after leaving her family and their Charedi Jewish community to live as a woman.

### **Re S (children) [2014] EWCA Civ 1002**

Represented the children in the Court of Appeal where the issue was the need or otherwise for a finding of fact hearing in relation to historical allegations of sexual abuse in circumstances where the Court had ordered unsupervised contact.

### **Re A and D [2010] EWHC 2503 Fam**

In the High Court Mr Justice Baker held that under the Children Act 1989 s.33(6)(a) a local authority had a duty to ensure that a young child who was the subject of a care order was not brought up in any different religious persuasion from that followed by his parents before the care order. If the parents subsequently changed religion, the local authority had to have regard to that, but it could not take any steps contrary to the child's overall welfare.

## Sport, Media and Entertainment Law

Sara has experience of representing a Premier League club's TV channel presenter in Private Law Children Act proceedings (and removal from the jurisdiction).

## Public Access

Sara is accredited to receive instructions directly from members of the public through the Public Access

Scheme.