



## Catherine Rimmer

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Catherine read Law at the University of Leeds and was called to the Bar by Gray's Inn in 2004.

Her principle area of practice is Family Law and encompasses all aspects of the law relating to children in both public and private proceedings.

### Memberships

- Family Law Bar Association

### Appointments

- Junior of the Northern Circuit – 2006
- Attorney General's Unified List of Prosecuting Advocates 2009
- Accredited for Direct Public Access Instructions

## EXPERTISE

### Family - Children

Catherine undertakes work for local authorities, parents and children (whether directly or by their Guardians). She has significant experience of public law cases involving a wide range of issues including complex medical evidence relating to non-accidental injury and cases involving serious sexual abuse. Catherine regularly deals with cases involving issues of significant neglect, domestic violence, substance misuse, mental health and allegations of physical and emotional harm.

In private law proceedings Catherine's practice has included residence/ child arrangement applications involving sexual abuse or domestic violence, intractable contact disputes involving emotional abuse, injunction applications and international relocation. Catherine also has experience in cases involving the enforcement of child arrangement orders.

## Crime

Catherine prosecutes and defends in a wide range of criminal cases and she has a particular interest in cases involving a mental health element.

Catherine has regularly appeared for local authorities in the Criminal Court addressing matters of Public Interest Immunity.

## Cases

### **Re S [Family Court – Circuit Judge] (2013)**

Appeared (without a leader) for the Mother whose child was returned, allegations of shaking rejected by the Court.

### **R v Moyle (2008) EWCA Crim 3059 (Court of Appeal, Criminal Division)**

As a led junior counsel (led by Lord Carlile of Berriew QC) represented the Defendant whose conviction for murder was quashed and substituted by a conviction of manslaughter in a case where new medical evidence established a defence of diminished responsibility.

## Public Access

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