

# John Chukwuemeka

Year of Call: **1993**



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John is a specialist family practitioner with an emphasis in child care work who represents parents and children in all levels of court, including the Court of Appeal. John has extensive experience covering all aspects of proceedings relating to children including public law and private law disputes.

He is experienced in the representation of a wide range of clients, including local authorities, parents, extended family members, intervenors, the official solicitor and children (including separate representation of competent children) in both areas of public and private law.

John has a background of practicing in criminal law which has included cases concerning children relating to allegations of serious neglect and physical / sexual abuse. This background has provided an invaluable basis of knowledge and experience particularly when acting in cases with a concurrent criminal investigation, previous or current criminal proceedings.

He has acted in factually and legally complex cases involving allegations of factitious, induced illnesses and non-accidental injuries to a child / children and infant death.

John's particular interest and expertise in cases involving complex medical and factual issues in respect of possible fabricated or induced injuries, non-accidental injuries and allegations of serious sexual or physical abuse.

John has a developing interest in Court of Protection work and is instructed in marital property and financial disputes involving modest levels of assets.

Areas of practice include: -

- Complex private law cases
- Care proceedings with concurrent criminal investigation or proceedings such as non-accidental injuries, neglect and sexual and physical abuse
- Fabricated or Induced illness
- Sibling death
- Complex medical issues
- Wardship
- Children cases involving immigration issues
- Relocation
- Adoption with an international element
- Child cruelty / chastisement with an international or cultural dimension
- Court of Protection work
- Parents with learning or physical disabilities
- Parent with severe mental health issues

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## Education

Kings College, London - BA (Hons) Biochemistry  
Staffordshire University - Graduate Diploma in Law (CPE)

## **Professional Memberships**

Family Bar Association  
Lincolns Inn  
Medico-Legal Bar Association  
Society of Black Lawyers

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## **Notable Cases**

Re C (Interim Care Order: Residential Assessment) [1997] 1 FLR 1

R (On the application of F) v CPS and Chief Constable of Merseyside Police [2003] EWHC 3266

A Local Authority v A mother & Ors [2012] EWHC 2969 (Fam) (26 October 2012)

Wigan Borough Council v Fisher & Ors (Rev 1) [2015] EWFC 34 (21 April 2015)