

Kate Bramall

Year of Call: 1999



Kate began her career at the Bar in Bristol, having completed a general common law pupillage and early years of tenancy at Albion Chambers.

By 2004, Kate had established a busy family law practice which she chose to continue with as her specialism upon her return to the Manchester area.

Since then, Kate has developed a thriving family law practice, involving representation of local authorities, children and parents on all aspects of public law proceedings.

Kate has many years experience of complex cases involving all aspects of child protection ranging from and including chronic neglect, FII, inflicted injury.

Kate has also been instructed as junior counsel on a number of cases involving lengthy hearings before the High Court featuring complex medical evidence and numerous independent medical experts.

Kate is also frequently instructed in private law matters involving issues relating to residence and contact disputes, representing both parents and children.

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Education

The University of Liverpool: LLB (HONS)
Manchester Metropolitan University: Bar Vocational Course

Professional Memberships

FLBA
Child Concern

Notable Cases

Re F (Children) (DNA Evidence) (2007)
[2007] EWHC 3235 (Fam); [2008]1 FLR 348: FAM Div (Anthony Hayden QC) 20/12/2007
Anonymity: child abuse, DNA samples, DNA tests, Expert evidence, anonymity of DNA testing company responsible for corrupt data, instruction of accredited DNA testing companies, Family Law Reform Act 1969, Article 8 ECHR.

Stockport MBC v SM and LS and J (by Children's Guardian) [2016] EWFC 12
Junior counsel representing intervener in finding of fact involving complex medical evidence, and the evidence of minors.

Cheshire East Borough Council v PN & Ors (Flawed Local Authority Assessments) [2017] EWFC 20
Representation of respondent in the High Court seeking to undermine the conclusions of a series of assessments leading to the halting of the final hearing and the instruction of independent expert.
Other cases of note:

Representation of parent in case before High Court involving care plan of long term foster care for 7 siblings. Local Authority care plan rejected by the court, all 7 children rehabilitated home.

Representation of father in care proceedings involving proposed care plan placing young child away from parents due to the mother's involvement in criminal proceedings outside of the jurisdiction involving charges of causing serious injury to a minor. Following a number of days of evidence and legal argument, judge ordered rehabilitation of child home to parents' joint care.

