

1GC | Family Law

Elpha LeCointe

Year of Call: 1988



Practice Overview

Elpha specialises in all aspects of Children law, often representing parents and children, but also representing Local Authorities, CAFCASS and the Official Solicitor.

Elpha has extensive experience of serious child protection cases concerning issues of non-accidental injury, physical and emotional abuse and neglect. She also has experience of cases involving sexual abuse including interfamilial and intergenerational abuse and internet pornography.

She has significant experience in cases involving concurrent criminal proceedings and cases involving the cross examination of young and vulnerable witnesses.

Elpha often represents teenage parents and parents with mental health or learning difficulties.

She also has experience of adoption as well as international adoption.

Elpha has lectured to students, solicitors and chambers and contributed to legal texts for students completing the Bar Professional Training Course.

She is a former external examiner for the Bar Professional Training Course.

Notable Cases

DD v AF & Ors Re [2026] EWHC 247 (Fam)

X & Y (Children) (Dispute as to Maternity) Re [2025] EWFC 475 (B)

A (Care Proceedings: Non-Accidental Injuries: Identifying the Perpetrator) [2025] EWFC 54

A Local Authority v EF & Ors [2023] EWFC 178

London Borough of Y v A Mother & Ors [2023] EWFC 104

C (A Child: Adoption) [2020] EWFC 66 (09 October 2020)

MDR v MDR (Suspended Residence Transfer - Parental Alienation) [2019] EWHC B61 (Fam)

A (Family Placements or Foster Care), Re [2017] EWFC B111 (11 December 2017)

R (Fact Finding), Re [2015] EWFC B97 (29 May 2015)

B - A (Children), Re [2011] EWCA Civ 1643 (01 December 2011)

Education

Law (Honorary Doctorate), University of East London (2009)

Appointments

Deputy District Judge of the Family Division sitting in London and the South East. She holds tickets in Public Law, Private Law and Financial Remedies.

Memberships & Associations

Association of Lawyers for Children

Bar Educational and Training Committee (Former Member)

Bar Disciplinary Tribunals (Tribunal Member)

Family Law Bar Association

Place 2 Be (Trustee)

The Honourary Society of Lincolns Inn