

1GC | Family Law

Julia Gasparro

Year of Call: 1999



Practice Overview

Julia is a respected practitioner in the fields of family, immigration and human rights law. She specialises in children law and is one of few barristers whose expertise covers these three disciplines.

Julia is known for her approachability, the thoroughness of her preparation and her court skills. She has significant expertise in care proceedings particularly those where there are allegations of non-accidental injuries and/or sexual abuse: or international and/or immigration issues.

Julia is instructed in international matters which involve the transfer of care proceedings, repatriation of children to other jurisdictions and child abduction.

Having a background in working with adults with either mental health and/or learning disabilities, Julia has retained a strong interest in representing such vulnerable clients at court and regularly takes on instructions in the Court of Protection.

Julia also practices across the whole breadth of immigration law, again having a particular and successful practice in representing children.

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Children (Public Law)

International Family Law

Children (Private Law)

Judicial Review & Administrative Law

Immigration Law

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Human Rights Law

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What the Directories say

"Julia is exceptionally strong with cross-border issues including immigration, and is a polite yet firm advocate. She is lovely to work alongside." **Band 4 - Chambers and Partners, 2026**

"A strong advocate who is patient, good with clients and highly competent." **Band 4 - Chambers and Partners, 2026**

"Julia provides thoughtful and expert advice and gives an excellent consistent service. She works really hard for her clients." **Band 4 - Chambers and Partners, 2026**

"Julia is a lion for her clients, who homes in on the essentials in a case. Even difficult briefs do not faze her." **Band 4 - Chambers and Partners, 2025**

"Julia is a strong advocate, who works hard for her clients. She gives helpful, realistic advice." **Band 4 - Chambers and Partners, 2025**

"A tough opponent, both dogged and determined, who will always fight her client's corner. She's a very experienced advocate in care proceedings." **Band 4 - Chambers and Partners, 2025**

"Julia is very approachable, friendly and helpful. A strong advocate who quickly gets to grips with complex cases." **Tier 5 - Legal 500, 2025**

Notable Cases

Somerset Council v Mother & Ors [2025] EWFC 417

S (A Child: Article 9 transfer to Norway) [2024] EWHC 2814

LA v M & Ors [2024] EWHC 1336

E v The Child and Family Agency of Ireland & Ors [2024] EWHC 1778

LA v M & Ors [2024] EWHC 1336

P and Q (Rights of Custody, Settlement, Grave Risk of Harm, Objections), Re [2024] EWHC 991

Re M (a child) [2024] EWFC 189 (B)

B v G (Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction) (Rev1) [2023] EWHC 2752

E (A Child: Care Proceedings Fact Finding) [2023] EWCA Civ 858

Re KM (A child)(Jurisdiction: Habitual Residence) [2022] EWFC 132

Ahmed v Khan [2022] EWHC 1748

A and B (No. 2)(SGO)(domestic abuse no direct contact to father) [2020] EWFC B15

Re A (Withdrawal of Applications) [2019] EWHC 709 (Fam)

F v M & Anor [2017] EWHC 949

H (Care Proceedings: Designated Local Authority) [2016] EWFC 39

Re X v CD & ORS (Care Proceedings: Placement in Pakistan) [2016] EWFC 51

Re T (Final Order and DBS checks) [2015] EWFC - The Judge made a Special Guardianship Order without there being a DBS check on the proposed special guardian.

Re M (Diplomatic Immunity) [2015] EWHC 2407 (Fam) - The maternal grandfather in the matter was a diplomat of a High Commission.

Re M (Children) 1 FLR 1089 - The father's case for contact was dismissed as he had failed to attend a fact finding hearing.

Re J (A Child) (Learning Disabled Parent) [2013] - The matter concerned a mother with a learning disability and the Judge considered that it was reasonable for her to have an extended period of assessment.

Re G (Abduction: Children's Objections) [2011] 1 FLR 1645 - The Judge at first instance had ruled that the mother should return both children to Canada where they were habitually resident.

In the matter of G (Children) [2010] EWCA Civ 1232

Re M (Children) [2010] 1 FLR 1089

In the matter of M (Children) [2009] EWCA Civ 1216

Satheeswaran v SSHD [2007] EWHC 882 (Admin)

Ali & Anor v SSHD [2006] EWCA Civ 846 -
<https://caselaw.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ewca/civ/2006/846>

Haji & Ors v SSHD [2006] EWCA Civ 206

Murua v SSHD [2006] EWCA Civ 38

Mironyenko v SSHD [2005] EWHC 375 (Admin)

Sivanesan v SSHD [2004] EWCA Civ 126

MP (Risk – MCDDI-Lari Ethnicity) Congo CG [2004] UKIAT 00002

Education

Politics & East Asian Studies (Korea) First Class Honours
University of Newcastle Upon Tyne

Memberships & Associations

CPBA

FLBA

ALC

ILPA

Lincoln's Inn

Languages

Basic Korean

Publications

Co-written the 11th edition of the Immigration Law Handbook, 2023.