

1GC | Family Law

Luke Eaton

Year of Call: 2015



Practice Overview

Luke practices in all areas of family law. Luke has a broad range of experience and accepts instructions to act in all levels of Court.

Children (public law)

Luke undertakes all forms of care, adoption and other public law proceedings, including representing clients faced with serious allegations of neglect, abuse, substance misuse, mental health issues and physical and emotional harm. Luke has also undertaken work in proceedings involving Female Genital Mutilation Protection Orders and claims under the Human Rights Act 1998.

Children (private law)

Luke also accepts instructions on all Children Act 1989 private law matters, including cases featuring domestic abuse (of all kinds), parental alienation and international relocation. Luke has represented parents in all stages of such proceedings, including final and fact-finding hearings.

Family finance & property

Luke has experience of a range of financial remedy proceedings, from the first directions appointment through to the final hearing.

Domestic violence & injunctions

Luke also represents clients in injunctive proceedings (under both the Family Law Act 1989 and the Protection from Harassment Act 1997 in a civil context) including where allegations of serious domestic abuse have been made and where those applications are linked to concurrent (or imminent) Children Act 1989 proceedings.

Modern families & surrogacy

Luke is developing his practice in work involving modern families and surrogacy. Luke was recently

led by Deirdre Fottrell QC in *Re G (A Child)* [2018] EWCA Civ 305, a case in the Court of Appeal involving contact between a child and his biological grandparents

Education

BA Law (Jurisprudence), University of Oxford (Jesus College)
BPTC, BPP University, Outstanding

Awards

Viscount Sankey Award, Jesus College, University of Oxford
Inner Temple Exhibition
Inner temple Outstanding BPTC award

Memberships & Associations

Family Law Bar Association
Honourable Society of the Inner Temple
Association of Lawyers for Children

Seminars, publications and training

Authored, co-authored or presented:

Ongoing- LexisNexis Children in Need practice note

Ongoing- Regular author of familylawweek.co.uk case reviews

October 2017 - FLBA Public Children Law Update (with Sarah Morgan QC)

October 2016 – SLLP Collection Orders vs Recovery Orders

October 2016 – SLLP Human Rights Act 1998 claims and section 20 CA 1989

October 2016 - Developing Case Law on Damages under the Human Rights Act 1998 – an alternative to Civil Claims for Children (with Deirdre Fottrell QC)

May 2016 – International Adoption (with Denise Gilling)

Contributed to:

February 2017 – Private children update

September 2016 – Care updated 2016

May 2016 – International Adoption case update

April 2016 – Court of Protection update

June 2016 – Vulnerable Witnesses

May 2016 – Wanton Dissipation

Cases

Re G (A Child) (Child Arrangements Order: Third Party) [2018] 1 WLR 2769

PS v BP [2018] EWHC 1987 (Fam)