

# 1GC | Family Law

**Niamh Daly**

Year of Call: 2018



## Practice Overview

Niamh is a children law practitioner, undertaking both public law and private law.

She regularly undertakes multi-day trials involving serious allegations, including physical and sexual abuse against children, cross examination of experts and vulnerable witnesses.

Niamh authored the first comprehensive textbook on forced marriage which was awarded runner up in the Inner Temple Prize.

## Children (Public Law)

Niamh is regularly instructed across all areas of public proceedings in cases involving chronic neglect, substance abuse, domestic and physical abuse and injury. She accepts instructions from parents, Guardians and local authorities.

Niamh is experienced in drafting threshold documents and advising upon the merits of seeking findings, reviewing the relevant evidence.

## Children (Private Law)

Niamh has a growing private law practice, representing applicants, respondents and Guardians in s.8 Children Act 1989 proceedings, including cases which involve allegations of domestic, sexual and physical abuse.

She has a particular interest in cases with an international element and has experience of representing clients in relocation applications - both within the jurisdiction and internationally.

## Court of Protection

## Domestic Abuse & Injunctions

Niamh regularly represents applicants and respondents in injunction proceedings under the Family Law Act 1996.

She has a particular interest in Forced Marriage Protection Orders is the co-author of the first and

only comprehensive practitioner text on forced marriage.

## International Family Law

Niamh has experience of acting and advising clients within public law cases with an international element and in cases involving international abduction.

## Notable Cases

*Re J (A child) (Surrogacy: Adoption Order)* [2025] EWHC 2960

*Cambridgeshire County Council v A Mother & Ors* [2024] EWFC 429

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*A father v A mother* [2023] EWFC 227

*Re A Child (SGO and Contact)* [2023] EWFC 167

*SA v AA (Rev1)* [2023] EWHC 2016

*Re S (Inherent Jurisdiction: Transgender Surgery Abroad)* [2023] EWHC 347

*X & Anor v M* [2022] EWFC 168

*R v S* [2022] EWFC 65

*Tickle v Herefordshire County Council & Ors* [2022] EWHC 1017

*London Borough of Southwark v A Family* [2020] EWHC 3117

## What the Directories Say

*"Niamh is a very intelligent barrister. She can see a case from all angles and isn't fazed by the complexity of it. She is someone who provides excellent client care."* **Up and Coming - Chambers and Partners, 2026**

*"Niamh's attention to detail is outstanding and she has a wealth of technical knowledge. She always approaches a case with a keen eye and is scrupulously well prepared."* **Up and Coming - Chambers and Partners, 2026**

*"She effectively worked through a strategy that put the client in a stronger position. I'd instruct her in a heartbeat on just about everything."* **Up and Coming - Chambers and Partners, 2026**

*"Niamh can effectively address the judge's concerns and opposing arguments, and is quick to adapt on her feet as cases develop."* **Rising Star - Legal 500, 2026**

*"Niamh is an exceptional barrister. Her intellectual approach to cases, legal knowledge and advocacy is impressive."* Tier 1 - Legal 500, 2025

*"Niamh is an excellent advocate, very confident on her feet. Her preparation is second to none. She is an excellent communicator with clients to put them at ease. She is a rising star, definitely one to watch."* Rising Star - Legal 500, 2024

## Education

LLB (Hons), University of Liverpool – First Class (2017)

BPTC, University of Law London – Very Competent (2018)

Master of Laws, University of Law London – Distinction (2018)

## Awards

Shortlisted for the Young Barrister of the Year at the Family Law Awards - 2022

## Memberships & Associations

Member of the Honourable Society of Middle Temple

Member of FLBA

Member of COPBA

Publications

**Co-Author, 'Forced Marriage: Law and Practice', *Bloomsbury Publishing* (2020).** The Honourable Mr. Justice Hayden wrote the foreword describing it as "*an impressive book... a pleasurable and, at times, compelling read... an ambitious project, but...skillfully realised*". - **Shortlisted for the 2022 Inner Temple New Authors Award**