

1GC | Family Law

Patrick Paisley

Year of Call: 2013



Practice Overview

Patrick has a busy full service family law practice across the main areas of Chambers' expertise including Public Law Children, Financial Remedies, Private Law Children and Family Law Act proceedings.

Children (public law)

Patrick represents Parents, Guardians and Local Authorities in Care & Child Protection proceedings from the initial application through to trial.

Typical instructions involve cases of chronic neglect, sexual abuse, alcohol & drug misuse, mental health issues and physical and emotional harm. Patrick has often represented young and/or vulnerable parents.

Patrick has experience of ICO and EPO applications, recovery orders, Part 25 applications, renewal of supervision orders, challenging residential assessments, secure accommodation applications and disclosure into criminal proceedings.

Family finance & property

Patrick undertakes all forms of financial remedy proceedings. He regularly represents parties at FDA's, FDR's, Preliminary and Final Hearings.

He has experience of applications under TOLATA 1996, Schedule 1 of the Children Act 1989, Part III of the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984 and Section 31 MCA 1973 variation applications.

He has appeared for interveners and has experience of cases involving add-backs, non-disclosure, non-matrimonial property, foreign assets, financial misconduct, mortgage fraud and company assets.

Children (private law)

Patrick has experience of Children Act private law matters, including Child Arrangements, Prohibited Steps and Specific Issue Orders.

He has represented parents, wider family members, children and rule 16.4 Guardians.

He has experience of cases involving psychiatric or psychological expert evidence, children giving evidence, temporary and permanent leave to remove applications, fact-findings involving physical, sexual or emotional abuse, transfer of residence, name-change cases, shared-care cases, special guardianship orders, family assistance orders, intractable contact cases and applications for Tipstaff Orders.

Domestic violence & injunctions

Patrick accepts instructions in injunctive proceedings, often involving serious domestic violence and abuse. He has appeared in proceedings concerning Non-Molestation, Occupation and Forced Marriage Protection Orders.

Education

BPTC, Very Competent (BPP)
GDL, Commendation (BPP)
MA Ethics, Merit (King's College London)
BA (Hons) English Literature (Newcastle University)
Harmsworth Scholar, Middle Temple

Memberships & Associations

[Honourable Society of the Middle Temple](#)
[Association of Lawyers for Children](#)
[Family Law Bar Association](#)
[Bar Pro Bono Unit](#)

Seminars, Publications and Training

Patrick regularly contributes to Family Law Week and has provided opinions and seminars to solicitors on a variety of family law issues.

Recent topics include the Joinder of Children in Private Law Proceedings, International Relocation, Domicile of Choice, of Origin or Dependence, The Validity of a Marriage, Intractable Disputes, and Part 25 applications in Public Law Proceedings.