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Ruth Henke QC

Year of Call: 1987 Year of Silk: 2006



Practice Overview

Ruth specialises in the protection of children and vulnerable adults and the provision of services to them. An experienced Silk, Ruth has a deserved reputation as an expert in her field and is widely known for her sensitive handling of complex cases.

Ruth is an expert in care cases, frequently working on child death, shaken baby, sexual abuse, chronic and gross neglect, cases involving mental and physical disabilities, alleged 'paedophile rings', and Ehlers-Danlos syndrome.

Ruth typically acts in Inherent Jurisdiction (including the right to die and right to life) matters and cases about education, as well as in those featuring vulnerable adults.

Ruth regularly appears in the Family Court, the Court of Protection, the Administrative Court and the Court of Appeal. She is often instructed by local authorities, Local Health Boards (LHBs) (Wales), hospitals, parents and relatives, Guardians, interveners, incapacitated adults and children.

A highly skilled and tenacious advocate, Ruth offers exemplary client care.

Ruth also practices from 30 Park Place, Cardiff, where she is Head of Chambers.

Ruth is an expert in devolved Welsh law and its implications for children and vulnerable adults.

Notable Cases

AA & 25 Ors (Children) (Rev 1) [2019] EWFC 64

Re R (An Infant) (2016) EWFC 60

Cardiff CC v Scully-Hicks (2016) EWFC 79

Re C (Children) [2016] EWCA Civ 374

Re S (A Child) [2015] EWCA Civ 325

Re T (Children) [2014] EWCA Civ 1369

Re G (A Child) [2014] EWCA Civ 432

NPTCBC v B & Others [2014] EWCC B 24

Re W (A Child) [2014] EWHC Misc (CC)

Re AS (A Child) [2014] EWHC 606 (Fam)

Re M (Children) [2013] EWCA Civ 1170

Re P-S (Children) [2013] EWCA Civ 223

Re AJ (Child) [2007] EWCA Civ 55

Education

MA (Oxon) Juris

Memberships & Associations

[Family Law Bar Association](#)

Member of the Welsh Advisory Panel to the [Law Commission](#)

Member of the Panel of Council for the [National Assembly for Wales](#)