

1GC | Family Law

Sally Stone

Year of Call: 1994



Practice Overview

Sally practises exclusively in family law as it relates to children. Whilst she has an emphasis on public law work - primarily care proceedings and adoption, she also accepts instructions in private law proceedings. Sally represents children and parents but about half of her work is advising and representing local authorities.

Sally is known for her meticulous and thorough preparation and grasp of detail. She is often instructed by local authorities at a very early stage so as to shape the case and advise on strategy. She has a recognised ability to forge strong working relationships with solicitors and social work professionals.

Sally does not accept public access instructions.

Children (public law)

Children (private law)

What the directories say

2019: Mainly acts on public adoption and care proceedings, representing local authorities, children and parents. She is noted for her specialism in cases concerning injured children and those surrounding issues of mental health and technical medical evidence. *"A very persuasive advocate who is thorough and well prepared in her cross-examination." "She deals with the most complex cases with skill – steady and firm, she is a pleasure to work with."* **Chambers UK**

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"She's an excellent lawyer who shows brilliant attention to detail, doesn't miss anything and is very reliable." **Chambers UK**

Sally conducts cases at all levels from the county court upwards and regularly appears against Leading Counsel.

Sally is often instructed as junior at the request of leading counsel, including in the Supreme Court

appeal against the decision in *Re T (Costs: Care Proceedings: Serious Allegations Not Proved)* [2010] EWCA Civ 1585

She has particular expertise in cases of conflicting or complex medical evidence where the case centres on serious injury to or death of a child but is equally familiar with cases arising out of mental health issues or allegations of sexual harm

In private law cases Sally is often instructed to act where there is a disputed issue which is the subject of a fact finding hearing such as allegations of abuse of the subject child

Notable Cases

Re U (Serious Injury:Standard of Proof); Re B [2004] EWCA Civ 567 [2004] 2 FLR 263

Education

BA (Hons)

Memberships & Associations

Member Family Law Bar Association (FLBA)

Seminars and Lectures

Sally has been involved in training days for social workers and guardians and has delivered seminars to solicitors representing parties in care proceedings.