

Christopher Rice

Call: 1991



Christopher Rice has practised in London and Sussex since his call in 1991 and specialised in family law for most of his career.

Prior to entering into private practice, he had the advantage of working as an in-house lawyer for a London local authority. During that time he gained invaluable experience in the discharge of the responsibilities that a local authority has towards children and adults who live within the area.

His practice now incorporates all aspects of family law both in both private and public law matters.

"He brings tremendous sensitivity to harrowing children's work."

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Children (Public Law)

In care work Christopher regularly acts for local authorities, but achieves a balance in also representing parents and children through their guardian.

Selected Cases

- **County Council v KO & RL & ML & MML (by their guardian) [2018] EWFC 21**: Acted for the second respondent in an application for care orders relating to two children.
- **Re C (Child) [2013] CA**: Represented appellant mother in successful appeal concerning the approach of court when child returned to mother's care.
- **Re G (Children) [2013] EWCA Civ 1017**: 'Man of straw and costs' as counsel for the respondent in lower

court where the appeal was dismissed.

- **Re G** [2013]: Represented father in six day fact-finding hearing regarding serious injury to child's genitalia with finding that mother caused injury.

Children (Private Law)

Christopher acts for parents in section 8 Children Act 1989 applications, including those which feature non-compliance and enforcement, require a rule 16.4 guardian, involving permission to remove children from England and Wales, and where special guardianship orders are sought. Christopher also has significant experience of representing clients in highly acrimonious contact and residence disputes.

Financial Remedies

Christopher also undertakes work in respect of all aspects of the financial side of the family breakdown, including financial remedy, Schedule 1 Applications and child maintenance.

Domestic Violence & Injunctions

Christopher is experienced in dealing with urgent and non-urgent cases including: Non-molestation orders and Occupation orders. This work frequently ties in with cases in Christopher's other areas of expertise (particularly around family finance and private children law) as he is able to draw on his experience and skills from other aspects of his work to provide holistic advice and representation.

Direct Access

Christopher accepts work from lay clients via [Direct Access](#). You can view his profile [here](#).

Memberships

- FLBA (Treasurer to Kent & Sussex branch)