

Hope Spalding

Call: 2019



Hope accepts instructions in both Public and Private Family Law matters. Hope is regularly instructed to represent vulnerable clients and is instructed in complex matters.

Prior to joining the Bar, Hope volunteered as an advisor for Sussex University Family Law Clinic and worked with Triangle, helping train police officers when questioning young or vulnerable victims and witnesses.

Hope is now administrator for the Sussex Family Justice Board and volunteers with the University of Brighton Law Clinic, whilst maintaining her busy practice.

Children (Public Law)

Hope is frequently instructed in care proceedings, acting for Local Authorities, Guardians, parents and grandparents.

Hope has been instructed in complex final hearings. She has appeared in proceedings involving substance misuse, neglect, domestic abuse, mental health and non-accidental injury. Hope is also regularly instructed to appear in FDAC proceedings.

As well as undertaking final hearings, Hope regularly deals with emergency hearings before the court, including ICOs and EPOs. She also deals with out of hour applications.

Children (Private Law)

Hope is instructed on a regular basis to represent both Applicants and Respondents in private law cases.

This is at all stages of proceedings from First Hearing and Dispute Resolution Appointments, all the way through to final hearing. She has been instructed in cases involving allegations of domestic abuse, sexual abuse and substance misuse.

Hope is experienced at dealing with vulnerable clients.

In addition, Hope accepts instructions to represent clients in children arbitration. She has undertaken training in Children Arbitration from Julie Stather, MCI Arb, who co-authored the paper to IFLA proposing the extension of the arbitration scheme to children matters.

Direct Access

Hope accepts work from lay clients in the area of family law, including children, in accordance with our [Direct Access Scheme](#). You can view her profile to learn more [here](#).

Appointments

- Advisor for Sussex University Family Law Clinic (2018)
- Mentor for Sussex University Criminal Advocacy Programme (2018 – present)
- Intermediary Training and Vulnerable Witness Questioning (2015 – present)

Awards

- 'Best Advocate' at Blackstones OUP National Criminal Advocacy Competition 2017
- Westgate Criminal Advocacy Competition 2016, Best Advocate
- Winner of the Internal Junior Criminal Advocacy Competition 2015
- Advocacy Scholar, University of Law, 2018-2019

Education

- University of Law, BPTC (Very Competent) (2019)
- University of Sussex, LLB, 2:1 (2018)

Memberships

- Middle Temple Inn