

Jacqueline Roach

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Jacqueline Roach's practice covers the full range of public law children cases. Before coming to the Bar, Jacqueline worked in publishing and then in public relations running the Citizens Advice Bureau's press office.

Children (Public Law)

Jacqueline represents local authorities, parents, children and interveners and has a particular interest in jurisdictional issues. She appears in courts at all levels.

Examples of Jacqueline's work are public law cases for local authorities involving allegations of non-accidental injury and/or sexual abuse that are also the subject of criminal investigation; cases involving parents who under a disability.

Jacqueline has a particular interest in fact-finding hearings in cases in which there are issues of serious non-accidental injury or sexual abuse; cases involving parents with mental disability or psychological difficulties and cases which involve children being placed outside of the jurisdiction.

Selected Cases

- **Re Jake (a child) (withholding medical treatment) [2015] EWHC 2442 (Fam); 148 BMLR 1:** Complex medical case involving an extremely ill child and each of the parents with learning difficulties. Ms Roach appeared on behalf of the local authority before the President.
- **Re E (A Child) [2014] EWHC (Fam):** leading case regarding how courts must approach a case concerning the child of a foreign national. Ms Roach appeared on behalf of the child before the President.
- **WSCC v M, F,W,X,Y & Z [2011] 1 FLR 188 FD:** factitious illness case where Ms Roach appeared on

behalf of the father who was accused of colluding with the mother in fabricating various illnesses in their children. Hedley J allowed the local authority to withdraw its application.

Education

- University of Westminster, Diploma in Journalism
- University of Kent, BA (Hons) Law

Memberships

- FLBA