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Laura is a specialist in family law and represents children, parents and local authorities in both private and public law cases. She trained and practised in London for more than 10 years before moving to Sussex. Laura also represents applicant and respondents in injunctive proceedings.

In addition, Laura delivers lectures and training seminars on public and private law topics to social workers, solicitors and other professionals.

"Laura is an excellent barrister who possesses so many skills and provides a high level of advice."

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"She provides honest and practical advice and has a very reassuring manner about her."

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"Her advocacy is very good and measured."

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Children (Private Law)

Laura is highly experienced in dealing with all aspects of private law cases where arrangements for children are disputed, including:

- Parental alienation
- Allegations of abuse
- Relocation

Selected Cases

- **Ms D v Mr D** (2022) EWFC 164 – internal relocation of children within the UK
- **N v N** (Removal from the jurisdiction) (2015) EWFC B89 – international relocation of children
- **Local Authority v Trimega Laboratories & Ors** (2013) EWCC B6 (Fam) – disputed forensic testing
- **A County Council v K & Ors** (2011) EWHC 1672 (Fam) – role of Cafcass

Children (Public Law)

Laura has expertise in all aspects of public law children cases involving care proceedings and adoption including:

- Non-accidental injury
- Factitious illness
- Sexual abuse
- Parents with learning disabilities

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- **Ms D v Mr D** (2022) EWFC 164 – internal relocation of children within the UK
- **N v N** (Removal from the jurisdiction) (2015) EWFC B89 – international relocation of children
- **X Local Authority v Trimega** (2013) EWCC 6 Family
- **Local Authority v Trimega Laboratories & Ors** (2013) EWCC B6 (Fam) – disputed forensic testing
- **A County Council v K & Ors** (By Children's Guardian HT) (2011) EWHC 1672
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Domestic Violence & Injunctions

Laura represents clients in injunctive proceedings where allegations of serious domestic violence or abuse have been made.

Direct Access

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

Education

- Inns of Court School of Law, BVC
- London School of Economics, LLB (Hons)

Memberships

- Family Law Bar Association
- Association of Lawyers for Children