

Richard
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Call: 2004



Richard transferred to the Bar in 2004 having been a solicitor for 23 years.

Richard is Co-chair of the Kent & Sussex FLBA, is active in the local FJB sitting on the committee and is fully involved with the Sussex Family Quality Circle

Richard has provided training to Sussex and Worthing Law Societies on Court of Protection work and training on proceedings under Children Act 1989 as well as to the Local Authorities in the area. He has also led training on issues of Domestic Abuse, coercive and controlling behaviour and financial abuse

Richard is heavily involved with the School of Business and Law at the University of Brighton and has been instrumental in setting up the Law Clinic there. He is an Associate Tutor at the School of Social Work at the University of Sussex

Richard was Chair of Governors of a large primary school in West Sussex. Whilst in that role he had responsibility for Special Educational Needs provision which is another area of interest to him.

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Richard is a pupil supervisor

"Richard is a very skilled advocate. He is very personable and always gives sensible and realistic advice."

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"Richard is committed and understanding. He is never afraid to argue clients' point."

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"Clients always have very positive things to say about Richard. He is able to be very clear and direct with clients while remaining empathetic."

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Children (Public Law)

Richard has a very strong reputation in all the area of Children (Public) Law, representing local authorities, parents, grandparents, children, interveners and guardians. Richard's experience includes acting in cases involving allegations of sexual abuse, including historical sexual abuse, non-accidental injury and fabricated induced illness. He has considerable experience of cases of placement of children abroad

Children (Private Law)

Richard is instructed on behalf of parents, children and extended family members in the full range of applications. These include difficult cases of implacable hostility, shared care arrangements, internal and external relocation, special guardianship and fact-finding hearings regarding domestic violence, sexual abuse and children giving evidence.

Domestic Violence & Injunctions

Richard is experienced in dealing with urgent and non-urgent cases including: Non-molestation orders and Occupation orders.

Court of Protection

Richard regularly appears in the Court of Protection in welfare cases. He has experience of interim and final hearings, in cases ranging from deputyship applications to proceedings concerning the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards.

Direct Access

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

Appointments

- Co-chair of the Kent & Sussex FLBA
- Associate Tutor, School of Social Work, University of Sussex
- Previous Chair of Governors for a large primary school.
- Pupil supervisor

Memberships

- ALC
- FLBA

Publications

- Law Pod UK Family Law Podcast Series.