Eleanor Battie

Call: 2004

Eleanor has been specialising in family law since 2004. She has a wide ranging practice and is instructed in both private and public law matters in all tiers of the family court.

Eleanor has a predominantly private law practice and, in particular, represents parties in high conflict cases. Eleanor has represented many parents in complex proceedings, which may also involve fact-finding hearings concerning allegations of domestic abuse or harm of the child and those where parental alienation has been alleged.

Eleanor also represents children both in public and private law proceedings.

Eleanor accepts instructions on a public access basis.

Eleanor provides seminars in chambers and online. She also provides training to Local Authorities, the Law Society and CAFCASS.

She is recognised as a leading junior by the Legal 500 and Chambers & Partners.

"Eleanor is a fantastic Barrister – she always goes above and beyond and always willing to help and fight for a client's case." Chambers & Partners 2027

"Eleanor is always very well prepared, offering first-class service." Chambers & Partners 2026

"Eleanor is tenacious in court and always fights for her clients' cases." Chambers & Partners 2026

"Eleanor is very good; she's a nice advocate and is pleasant to deal with." Chambers & Partners 2026

"Eleanor is a reliable barrister who I would not hesitate to instruct." Chambers & Partners 2026

"Strong and robust advocate." Legal 500 2026

"Eleanor's advice is pragmatic. She is brilliant on her feet and really makes her clients feel supported in the most challenging of times." Chambers & Partners 2025

"Eleanor is excellent counsel. She is both thorough and knowledgeable." Chambers & Partners 2025

"Eleanor is a tough negotiator with fabulous client care and communication skills." Chambers & Partners 2025

"Eleanor is my go-to barrister for complex children cases. She is a very strong advocate, prepares very strong written work and is always thoroughly prepared." Chambers & Partners 2024

"She able to get across a difficult point to emotional clients without losing their confidence." Legal 500 2024

"She is a forceful advocate who prepares her cases meticulously and brings enormous energy and tenacity to her work." Chambers & Partners 2022

'She is conscientious, extremely approachable, steadfast and level-headed.' Legal 500 2022

"Known for her thorough preparation as well as her perspicacious and tenacious manner" Chambers and partners 2021

"Her particular qualities include her enormous attention to detail and very high level of preparation. She gets complex points across both the clients and the courts in a very concise way, and her legal knowledge is excellent." "Clients love her because she's very firm and gives very good advice, but is also caring and empathetic." Chambers & Partners 2020

'Combines a forceful presence in court with a sympathetic manner with clients.' Legal 500 2019

"Clients love her empathetic manner and her tenacious advocacy." "She goes the extra mile and more. She is utterly fantastic with clients and doesn't leave a stone unturned." Chambers & Partners 2019

'Perspicacious and tenacious.' Legal 500 2018

"She really fights her client's case and prepares thoroughly." "Clients love her empathetic manner and tenacious advocacy." Chambers & Partners 2018

"She is a very tenacious and fearsome opponent." Chambers & Partners 2017

"She has excellent advocacy skills; she really fights the client's case." Chambers & Partners 2016

"Eleanor prepares really well and is so eloquent; she's fluid and puts the arguments in a very compelling way." Chambers & Partners 2015

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Chambers & Partners 2027

"Eleanor is always very well prepared, offering first-class service."

Chambers & Partners 2026

'Eleanor is the complete package."

Legal 500 2025

“Eleanor’s advice is pragmatic. She is brilliant on her feet and really makes her clients feel supported in the most challenging of times.”

Chambers & Partners 2025

“She is unflappable and devastatingly effective in court. She is a go to counsel in parental alienation cases and an absolute star.”

Legal 500 2025

Children (Public Law)

In public law matters Eleanor represents all parties, including local authorities, parents, extended family members, children’s guardians and intervenors and has considerable experience of cases involving allegations of non-accidental injury and sexual abuse as well as in cases in which medical opinion conflicts.

Children (Private Law)

Eleanor represents all parties to proceedings, including the child, as well as intevenors in fact-finding hearing. Her experience includes all aspects of disputes including those with an intractable or international dimension. Eleanor also has particular experience in representing parties in complex fact finding cases, internal and international relocation and where parental alienation has been alleged.

Domestic Violence & Injunctions

Eleanor represents parties to injunction applications.

Direct Access

Eleanor accepts work from lay clients via Direct Access. You can view her profile here.

“In 9 years of fighting for access to my child, the most fortuitous step I took was in appointing Ms Battie as my barrister. She is not only an expert in law, more importantly if she can see that a child’s contact needs are not being met, she will fight for that child, and there would be no better person to have representing you in court.

If you have become jaded with the battle for access, disillusioned with the court process or have come to the realisation that you need an expert on your side, I urge you to appoint Ms Battie. She is a one-woman legal “A Team”, and having her representation was the best decision I could have taken.” (Client, 2020)

Appointments

- Qualified mediator (Family Mediation Council) (2019)
- Qualified Children's Arbitrator (IFLA) (2019)

Awards

- Lord Denning Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn (2003-2004)
- Hardwicke Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn (2002-2003)

Education

- College of Law, PGDL (Commendation)
- College of Law, BVC (Very competent)
- University of Leeds, BA (Hons), English literature

Memberships

- Sussex FLBA
- Brighton & Hove City Council Safeguarding Adults Board (lay member 2017 – 2018)

Publications

- "Care Proceedings: Who is Best Placed to Provide Best Evidence?" (Family Law Week)
- "Human's wronged" (Family Law Week)