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Kirsten joined Chambers in July 2017 and specialises in family law. She welcomes instructions in all Children Act and Family Law Act proceedings, acting for parents, Guardians, intervenors and Local Authorities. Before coming to the Bar, she worked as a paralegal for a national firm of solicitors in their family department and then in Project Management at Ernst & Young (EY).

Kirsten is known for grasping complicated cases quickly and is often instructed to represent clients at urgent and last-minute hearings. She has been described as professional and thorough but kind in her manner. Kirsten is a calm advocate, making the court process less stressful.

Kirsten is an active member of Chambers and is involved in the Private Law Sub Group Committee for Sussex. Kirsten often speaks at lectures and seminars.

'Kirsten is knowledgeable, approachable, on top of the papers and well-liked by clients. Nothing is any trouble for her.'

Children (Private Law)

Kirsten regularly represents parties in private proceedings including parents, grandparents and Local Authorities who have an interest in the case. Kirsten has been instructed in cases involving allegations of domestic and sexual abuse and she represents both Applicants and Respondents in lengthy and complex fact-finding hearings.

Kirsten has a growing practice in cases with an international element and regularly acts for parents in private law cases where children's services are involved. She has experience in representing clients in urgent

applications for Specific Issue Orders, Prohibited Steps Orders and applications for an Interim Change of Residence. She has dealt with cases where implacable hostility has been a feature and in cases with unusual or complicated elements, which has led to the appointment of a Guardian.

Children (Public Law)

Acting for parents, Guardians and Local Authorities, Kirsten is often instructed to represent clients at urgent hearings including contested EPOs and ICOs, through to final hearings. She has a particular focus on parent and Guardian work and often represents parents with complex needs including clients with substance misuse issues, learning difficulties and poor mental health.

Kirsten has acted in cases involving the Official Solicitor, cases with an international element and cases where Secure Accommodation Orders have been made. She is developing a strong practice in care proceedings and has represented clients in both the County Court and the High Court as well as in more complicated cases involving applications under the inherent jurisdiction. Kirsten accepts instructions in the Family Drug and Alcohol Court.

Domestic Violence & Injunctions

Kirsten appears at both without notice and on notice hearings for both non-molestation and occupation orders. She has acted successfully for both Applicants and Respondents through to the final hearing including in cases where Family Law Act and Children Act matters overlap.

Direct Access

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

Awards

Paul Methven Award 2013, Inner Temple
Exhibition Award 2013, Inner Temple

Education

- AFA Project Management, Prince 2 2009 Foundation and Practitioner Course (2015)
- BPP Law School, London
- University of Surrey, LLB Law (Sandwich Course which involved a four month placement at Guildford Chambers and a seven month placement at the National Centre for Domestic Violence).

Memberships

Inner Temple
FLBA

Publications

Re L (a child) [2019] EWHC 867 (Fam) – a précis.