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Practice Overview

Gareth is a family law practitioner with considerable experience representing local authorities, parents and guardians in public law proceedings. He is regularly instructed in complex private law proceedings and has developed considerable experience in matrimonial finance matters. He accepts instructions on a direct access basis.

In April 2020, Gareth was appointed as a Deputy District Judge and a Fee Paid Judge of the Employment Tribunal.

Public Law

Gareth is routinely instructed by local authorities in care and adoption proceedings. He has significant experience in multi-expert, non-accidental injury cases and proceedings involving allegations of sexual abuse. He is regularly instructed in cases involving domestic abuse and neglect. He has experience in dealing with cases involving complex jurisdictional issues and placement outside of England and Wales.

Gareth is regularly instructed to act for parents and has developed a reputation for advancing their cases in the most challenging of circumstances. He is experienced in managing the expectations of clients involved in care proceedings and is quickly able to build rapport with those that he represents. He is attuned to the needs of vulnerable parents and those with mental health issues. Gareth has developed considerable experience representing children's guardians.

Private Law

Gareth has a wealth of experience representing parents in private law proceedings. He has developed a particular interest in parental alienation cases. He has substantial experience in acting in both internal and external relocation cases. Gareth is well accustomed to dealing with serious cases involving allegations of physical and sexual abuse with both adult and child complainants. He has acted for parents in cases involving fabricated illness. He is regularly instructed in complex matters on behalf of Rule 16.4 Guardians.

Matrimonial Finance

Gareth has acted in a wide range of cases from low value to the most complex high value matters. He has recently been instructed in a high value farming case including the division of farming assets in excess of £1million.

Notable and Reported cases

Public Access



Gareth has experience acting on a public access basis across a number of practice areas. He is increasingly instructed in family and finance matters through the public access scheme and is happy to work on a fixed fee basis.

Education & Qualification

- LL.B(Hons) (2.i), Cardiff University Law School
- Bar Vocational Course (very competent), Cardiff University Law School

Appointments

- Deputy District Judge 2020
- Fee Paid Judge of the Employment Tribunal in Wales 2020

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