



4 Brick Court
Family Law and A Lot More



Name: Marianna Hildyard QC

Year of Call: 1977

Inn: Inner Temple

Education:

Marianna was appointed a Queens Counsel in 2002

Practice Areas:

Children
Community Care
Domestic Violence
Family Other
Public Law

Profile:

Marianna has been involved in cases involving children for over 30 years. She has specialised in public law cases and represented all sides in all manner of different areas.

She has also been involved in relocation cases or in cases involving other jurisdictions and has a particular interest in representing vulnerable parties and championed womens causes.

Marianna has for example had particular experience of dealing with cases including:

- a) complex physical injuries and in particular baby shaking cases

- b) sexual abuse cases and incest

- c) the interplay between criminal proceedings and family proceedings

- d) domestic violence issues

- e) intractable contact disputes

- f) placement of children including adoption issues within and outside the UK

- g) relocation cases

- h) issues in relation to trafficking and the new regulations

- i) Hague Convention cases and B II R and local authority duties and its interplay with care proceedings

Memberships:

FLBA

Languages:

Fluent Spanish and conversational French

Appointments:

She was appointed an assistant recorder in 1999 and is now a Recorder who sits in crime, civil and in both public and private law cases.

In 2009 Miss Hildyard was appointed as Deputy High Court Judge.

Miss Hildyard is also a bencher of Inner Temple

She is an advocacy trainer for her Inn and specialises in training family lawyers.

Marianna also sits on the Member Services Board for the Bar Council.

Seminars:

Marianna spoke to the Commonwealth Law Conference on the voice of the child and has often given talks concerning issues in relation to domestic violence.

In 2007 she attended a conference in Hong Kong organised by the women lawyers to advise and assist in relation to a new legal structure to protect women and children.

She is due to address the Qatar Legal Forum on women and the law and has regularly spoken at universities on this issue.

Publications:

Marianna was recently involved in *re B* [2008 FLR 141 (HL)] the new leading case involving the standard of proof in family cases. Her arguments were accepted in full and her approach which was supported by Cafcass who intervened in the proceedings was adopted by the full committee and much of her argument was reflected in their written judgments.

She has also been recently involved in a trafficking case in which the duties of LA to trafficked children was examined as was the appropriate use of the Hague Convention within care proceedings and the effect of *B II R* [see *re ES* 2008 EWHC 3013 (Fam)]

She was also involved in issues surrounding disclosure and the interpretation of the family rules in relation to this.

Interests:

She is married with 4 children and a dog and has become quite an expert in multi tasking.

She is considered approachable and easy to engage with.

She is a trustee for the Alexandra Rose Day Charities and the chairman of the Deborah Hutton Campaign.

She assists Macmillan Cancer Relief and is an Aids Ambassador for the National Aids Trust.

She is also a patron of the Galleries of Justice in Nottingham where she grew up.



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