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Practice Areas:

Abduction & International
Movement
Adoption & Special
Guardianship
Care Proceedings
Child Arrangements
Court of Protection

'I have had a number of positive experiences working with Roma. Roma is incredibly efficient and supportive to all my clients she has worked with. Roma keeps me updated with the matter and how things are progressing as well as providing me with advice as to how we can move the matter forward. This is crucial for me as I am a Trainee and I very much value the advice given. I thoroughly enjoy working with Roma!'

Rupanjali Sen, JD Spicer Zeb Solicitors, 2024

About

Roma Whelan accepts instructions in all areas of family law and represents local authorities, parents, grandparents, and guardians. Roma's practice mainly involves work in the High Court and County Court jurisdictions, and she has been involved in cases in the Court of Appeal.

Practice overview

Roma's area of expertise involves dealing with all matters relating to children, including cases of sexual abuse, severe physical abuse and emotional abuse, including psychological harm, ritual abuse and female genital mutilation (FGM). Roma's work involves dealing with an assortment of medical evidence involving consultant psychiatrists, psychologists, pediatric radiologists, paediatricians, neurosurgeons and ophthalmologists who report serious injuries to children where there are issues of non-accidental injuries and also cognitive impairment.

Roma also deals with parents who have drug and alcohol issues or have been subjected to domestic violence. She is frequently called upon in care cases to represent parents with learning difficulties and mental health issues. In her work on behalf of guardians, she has to encounter children who have suffered injuries not only of a physical nature but also who are suffering significant emotional harm. Other areas include the representation of older children who have themselves been accused of acts of physical and sexual abuse in care proceedings. These children are themselves vulnerable and require compassionate representation.

In adoption cases, she has represented the prospective adopters as well as parents who wish to oppose the adoption of their children due to a change in their circumstances since placement orders were made.

Memberships

[Family Law Bar Association](#)
[Gray's Inn](#)

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Cases

Re DF And GF (Children: Placement Order or Special Guardianship Order) [2013] EWHC 2607 (Fam)

Re W (A Child) [2012] EWCA Civ 106