

JACQUI GILLIATT

Jacqui Gilliatt
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Practice Areas:
Abduction & International
Movement
Adoption & Special
Guardianship
Care Proceedings
Child Arrangements

"Jacqui Gilliatt is routinely instructed in cases involving issues of a serious magnitude, including those concerning fictitious illness, allegations of sexual abuse and injury, and drug and alcohol misuse. "Jacqui is clear and concise, and determined and incisive in both her written and oral submissions. She shows exceptional attention to detail, without losing sight of the overall picture, and her cross-examinations are simply outstanding." **Chambers UK Bar 2018- 2019**

"Jacqui Gilliatt regularly handles a wide range of children's cases in both the public and private spheres. She is routinely instructed in matters involving issues of a serious magnitude, including those concerning fictitious illness, allegations of sexual abuse and injury, and drug and alcohol misuse. A long-standing public law practitioner who does really well with local authority work and is a good advocate." **Chambers UK Bar 2019-2020**

'Regularly handles a wide range of children's cases in the public law sphere. She is routinely instructed in matters involving issues of a serious nature, including those concerning allegations of sexual abuse, non-accidental injury, and drug and alcohol misuse.

Strengths: "An extremely approachable counsel willing to discuss cases at whatever length is required. She demonstrates a great deal of commitment and takes a sensible, balanced approach." "Pragmatic and intelligent, she makes terrific decisions and proposals all the way through the case." "A forceful advocate who can read the papers and boil down the information to key points." **Chambers UK Bar 2020-2021**

"I have high regard for Miss Gilliatt's work ethic and professionalism and only have words of praise for her and it has been an absolutely successful working relationship. Her preparation of the case has been excellent. Miss Gilliatt has worked with passion and fantastic attention to detail. She has fully engaged with me as a litigant in person which has allowed her to have a comprehensive insight around all matters as well as guaranteed we established a trusting and efficient working relationship. The Judge expressed praise for her providing clarity and order to the vast amount of evidence arising from the previous cases and background of our family".

Direct Access Client 2019

Jacqui has over 26 years experience in cases about children both between parents (and other family members) and involving social services. She is trained and enthusiastic about accepting direct access instructions.

Jacqui's practice has included cases involving: baby shaking, child abduction (including abduction from local authority care), complex or conflicting medical evidence, disability, disputes between same-sex couples,

domestic violence, education law, fabricated allegations, forced marriage & 'honour' violence, human rights, human trafficking, incest, international law, intractable contact/residence disputes, mental health, non-accidental injuries, Official Solicitor, parallel criminal proceedings, placement outside the jurisdiction, sexual abuse, substance misuse & addiction, sudden infant death, transgender issues & unexplained deaths.

Jacqui regularly presents seminars on family law topics.

Jacqui has her own website, [Children in Law](#) (now incorporating Bloody Relations & new blogs Paramount Considerations, Family Law Webworld & The Law Is a Funny Business). She also curates several online papers, [Fami.li Law](#) & [Decree Absolute](#) (Paper.Li) and [Children in Law](#), [Decree Absolute](#) & [Legal In General](#) (Scoop It).

Recent seminars have included:

- Children Across Borders (2013 LBLA Conference)
- s 20: Local Authorities on the Naughty Step (2016 LBLA Conference)
- Transparency vs Seekrit Family Courts: Secrecy vs Confidentiality (2017 LBLA Conference)
- Crossing the Threshold: Back to Basics (2018 LBLA Conference)
- Trials Within Trials: Fact-Finding in Private Law Cases (December 2019)

Recently published articles include [S 20 Children Act 1989: Consent not Coercion: Issue or Be Damned](#) on Family Law Week and [s17 & Child Arrangements Orders](#) on the Local Government Lawyer

Jacqui tweets as @gjacqui

She is a keen supporter of Biking for Children In Care, which raises funds for the Become Charity through an annual 210 mile bike ride. In its place this year the group invented its own Lockdown 200 Challenge & raised over £40,000.

Directories



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Education

University: Oxford

Law School: Westminster University

Memberships

[Family Law Bar Association](#)
[Association of Lawyers for Children](#)
[Middle Temple](#)

Languages

French
Spanish (Basic)

Cases

[A \(Final Hearing: Threshold Not Met\) \[2018\] EWFC 63](#)

[Y \(A Child: Fact-Finding: Fabricated Illness\) \[2018\] EWHC 4020](#)

[Medway Council v R & ors \[2016\] EWFC B104](#)

[M-B \(Children\) \[2015\] EWCA Civ 1027](#)

[Re C \(A Child\) \[2013\] EWCA Civ 1257](#)

[I-A \(Children\) \(2012\) EWCA Civ 582 \(2012\) EWCA Civ 582](#)

[London Borough of Richmond v B & Ors \[2010\] EWCA 2903 \(Fam\)](#)

[A Council v B & Ors \[2007\] EWHC 2688 \(Fam\)](#)

[A Local Authority v S, W & T \[2004\] EWHC 1270 \(Fam\); \[2004\] 2 FLR 129](#)

[Re C \(Care Order or Supervision Order\) \[2001\] 2 FLR 466](#)

[Re C & B \(Care Order: Future Harm\) \[2000\] EWCA Civ 3040; \[2001\] 1 FLR 611](#)

Publications

S 17 & Child Arrangements Orders | 17th Mar 2016

Practice points flowing from policies on s 17 Children Act 1989 when child arrangements orders are made: available from [Local Government Lawyer](#)

Section 20 Children Act 1989: Consent not Coercion: Issue or Be Damned | 26th Nov 2015

A round up of case law on Section 20 of the Children Act 1989 published by Family Law Week by Jacqui Gilliatt & Amy Slingo available at [Family Law Week](#)

[Hair Alcohol Tests: How To Make Sure Your Client Does Not Have A Bad Hair Day](#) | 28th Feb 2011

An article looking at hair alcohol testing. Also available in the Solicitors Journal (registration required for full article).

[Testing, Testing: Hair Alcohol Test in the Family Court](#) | 01st Sep 2013

An article for the ALC Newsletter (Summer / Autumn 2011, Issue 48) examining the implications of the decision in Richmond London Borough Council v B, W, B and CB [2010] EWHC 2903. Also available at The Barrister Magazine.

[Draft Letter of Instruction to Experts](#) | 31st Jan 2013

This text takes account of the 2013 Public Law Outline, the Practice Directions relevant to experts in Family Proceedings (PD 25 A-F) & previous Family Justice Council guidance now contained at the end of Practice Direction 25C. At the end of this document is an extract from the case of Re F (Children) (DNA Evidence) [2007] EWHC 3235 on the instructions to DNA experts. The Draft Letter of Instruction to Experts is

also available here (click on the picture of the parcel).

Teaching & The Law | 01st Feb 1999

Published by Routledge – Available from [Amazon](#).

The increased accountability of teachers has meant that actions on negligence are a reality. This is a comprehensive guide to all aspects of the law for teachers, covering everything from the employment relationship to lesson content and discipline.

Civil Advocacy: A Practical Guide | 01st Aug 2001

Published by Routledge-Cavendish – Available from [Wildys](#).

A practical guide to practice and procedure in courts and tribunals. It is aimed at the recently qualified practitioner, pupil barristers, trainee solicitors, or lawyers unversed in advocacy and procedure.