

## Amy Stout

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### Practice Overview

*"Amy is unflappable. She is calm and focused in court but also tenacious when she needs to be. She delivers the best possible submissions for her clients and is persuasive."*

#### **Legal 500**

Amy has a busy practice in all areas of Family Law, including Public Children (care proceedings), Private Children Proceedings and Financial Remedy Proceedings.

Amy is a fearless advocate who fights hard for her clients. She has strong client care skills and is well liked by solicitors and clients. Amy has experience beyond her years, particularly in relation to appeals, and is frequently instructed on complex cases.

Amy has appeared in the High Court, the Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court and accepts instructions at all levels of the Family Court.

#### **Public Children Law**

Amy is regularly instructed in Care Proceedings on behalf of parents, Local Authorities and Children. She has been instructed in a broad variety of proceedings including those involving:

Non-Accidental Injury; Sexual abuse; Physical abuse; Parties with significant mental health difficulties, including the loss of litigation capacity; Parties with learning disabilities; Deprivation of Liberty; Addiction difficulties; Domestic abuse; Neglect.

Amy is praised for her ability to put nervous clients at ease and for being able to deal sensitively with clients who are particularly vulnerable.

Amy has successfully appealed Care and Placement Orders in the Court of Appeal where the children were returned to their parents at the conclusion of proceedings.

Amy was involved in the case *Re H-W* which was awarded Case of the Year at the Family Law Awards 2023.

#### **Private Children**

Amy is regularly instructed in a wide range of private law disputes about children. She often deals with cases of alleged parental alienation, allegations of domestic abuse, allegations of sexual abuse and cases with international issues. Amy has been instructed on cases involving allegations of international abduction under the Hague Convention.

Amy has successfully appealed private children decisions, including a decision made by a Recorder to allow contact between a child and her Father where there was an outstanding risk of sexual abuse.

Amy has particular experience of costs in children proceedings, having undertaken extensive research on this issue when she appeared in the Supreme Court in the case of *Re S* [2015] UKSC 20.

#### **Financial Remedy Proceedings**

Amy acts in a wide range of Financial Remedy proceedings, including cases involving non-disclosure of assets, arguments about pre and post-matrimonial accrual, cases with an international element and arguments in respect of trusts of property where intervenors are joined to proceedings.

Amy is skilled at combining a rigorous analysis of legal arguments with a pragmatic family law approach.



Amy sits as a Deputy District Judge on the South Eastern Circuit

**Reported Cases**

Re EY [2023] EWCA Civ 1241  
Re H-W [2022] UKSC 17  
SR v MA [2019] EWHC 435 (Fam)  
Re S (Adequacy of Reasoning) [2019] EWCA Civ 1845  
In the Matter of S(A Child) [2015] UKSC 20  
*Re P (A Child)* [2018] EWCA Civ 1483  
*Re F (A Child: Proportionality)* [2018] EWCA Civ 2761

**Degree/University**

BA (Hons) in History, University of Leeds  
MPhil in Early Modern History, University of Cambridge  
GDL, Manchester Metropolitan University  
BPTC, Manchester Metropolitan University

**Scholarships/Awards/Prizes**

Bedingfield Scholarship, Gray's Inn  
CPE Scholarship, Gray's Inn

**Memberships**

Family Law Bar Association

**Areas of Practice**

Domestic Violence  
Family Finance  
Public Children Law  
Private Children Law  
Adoption  
Forced Marriage  
Court of Protection  
Trusts of Land  
Costs

**Outside Interests**

Food and travel, preferably together.