

## Katie Williams-Howes

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### Practice Overview

**Katie Williams-Howes -Ranked: Tier 4 -FAMILY: CHILDREN AND DOMESTIC ABUSE -'Katie excels in the details in cases -she is incredibly forensic. Her cross-examination is very strong.' Legal 500 2026**

Katie is an experienced junior in Children Law and the Court of Protection

Katie has led juniors in care cases where there were vulnerable parents facing serious allegations of neglect and injury of a child. Katie can offer approachable and pragmatic legal representation for clients. She will work hard to represent the interests of clients whilst maintaining objectivity to enable clients to see the bigger picture when confronted with challenging legal matters.

Katie is frequently instructed on:

#### Care proceedings

Acting for Parents accused of serious physical or sexual abuse and /or with mental health issues and learning disabilities.

Cases cover representing parents for issues of non-accidental injuries, fabricated or induced illness (FII), Forced Marriage Protection Orders, Female Genital Mutilation Protection Orders and challenging placement and adoption orders.

Acting for grandparents and other family members

Acting for the Children's Guardian

#### Private Law Children Proceedings

Cases range from international abduction, relocation abroad and within the jurisdiction, assisting family members and grandparents, seeking protective orders, acting for children through their rule 16.4 Guardian and securing contact for parents in contested private law cases.

#### Financial Provision and Divorce

Katie accepts instructions on financial provision and divorce.

#### Court of Protection

Katie has appeared in the Court of Appeal on a case concerning non-recognition of marriage and inherent jurisdiction stemming from capacity and best interests proceedings.

Katie has been led on a case covering reporting restrictions and the relation to the exercise of rights under Article 8 (family life) and Article 10 (freedom of expression) in the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) This case involved a child who had been the subject of 'end of life' best interest proceedings.

Acting for children of parents with capacity issues, power of attorney issues and deputy issues.

Katie has completed the *Questioning of vulnerable witness training programme*.

#### Testimonials

*"From our very first meeting, Katie demonstrated exceptional professionalism, compassion, and a deep understanding of the law. She navigated a complex and emotionally challenging process with clarity and dedication, always keeping our client's best interests at heart. I am truly grateful for her expertise and support*

throughout." -(instructing solicitor)

## **Reported cases**

*Rashad Maqsood Abbasi and Aliya Abassi (Applicants) v Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (Respondent) and PA Media (Intervener)* [2021] EWHC 1699 (Fam)

*Re Z (A Child: Transfer of the Child to Live with the Other Parent) (No. 1)* [2022] EWFC 179

## **Responsibilities**

Pupillage Committee at 3DJB

## **Degree/University**

Masters In Human Rights Law (LLM) University of London

## **Membership**

Family Law Bar Association

## **Areas of Practice**

Domestic Violence

Family Finance

Public Children Law

Private Children Law

Court of Protection

Hague Convention

## **Outside Interests**

Chairperson for Education Appeal Panels since 2015