

## Lisa Peacock

Head of Chambers

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## Practice Overview

Lisa is ranked as a Leading Junior in Children Law in the Legal 500 editions from 2022 to date:

***'Lisa is absolutely exceptional with vulnerable clients or clients with additional needs. Her advocacy is lovely and clear, and she is able to take on board clients' needs in her approach when cross-examining.'* (2026)**

***'Lisa inspires the whole team with confidence and gives strength to the most vulnerable clients.'* (2025)**

***'Lisa is an amazing barrister. She is excellent with vulnerable clients and is highly talented at managing cases to achieve positive outcomes for her clients.'* (2024)**

***'Lisa is a well-respected advocate who does everything in her power to ensure her client's case is fairly presented. She is client-focused and sensitive to the delicate issues in the case and excellent for parents in need.'* (2023)**

***'Lisa is clever, committed and sees the strengths and weakness in her case. Lisa knows her clients and can be empathetic and yet robust in her advice. Her instincts are very good and she is a very able practitioner. She can read her tribunal and is not afraid to stand up to them where the case demands.'* (2022)**

Lisa is Head of Chambers. She has been in practice for over 30 years and specialises in Children Law. Lisa has extensive experience, a first class legal background and qualifications, and advocacy skills honed practising criminal law in her early years at the Bar. These attributes make Lisa a tenacious, meticulous yet pragmatic advocate with solid judgment and a high degree of credibility with judges and opposing advocates.

In care proceedings Lisa is frequently instructed to represent parents and intervenors accused of serious physical or sexual abuse and/or with significant addictions, mental health issues and learning disabilities; complex cases involving highly specialised medical evidence and with significant interplay with ongoing criminal investigations; children through their Children's Guardian; and teenagers requiring separate representation from their Guardian.

Lisa is routinely instructed as a Leading Junior for her breadth of expertise but has also been led recently by Mark Twomey KC (three times), Sally Stone KC, Sam King KC and Denise Gilling KC.

In the past few years in particular Lisa has further developed her expertise in unexplained fracture cases where children are found to have tissue connectivity and other rare disorders following genetic testing, thereby exonerating their parents and carers from blame and enabling children to be rehabilitated back into their parents' care.



Lisa has particular skill in representing young and vulnerable parents and is known for her ability to communicate with and win the trust of clients from all backgrounds in the most sensitive and stressful situations. Lisa will always try her best to ensure she is available for every hearing to see the case through to resolution.

In private law children proceedings Lisa often acts in the most complex cases, frequently securing contact for parents in high conflict cases; acting for parents wishing to relocate abroad or oppose relocation; assisting grandparents and/or other family members; acting for children through their rule 16.4 Guardian, and acting in specialist cases involving parental alienation, FGM and forced marriage.

Lisa has a broad and loyal following of leading solicitors across all her areas of practice. She is also qualified to accept instructions under the Bar Council Public Access scheme.

Testimonials from recent clients:

*'Thank you for helping us through our darkest night and for believing we could make it right. What you have given me and my family is the biggest gift of them all, our daughter home. I can't thank you enough and you are in our thoughts always.'*

*'Your experience and knowledge helped me to be a consistent figure in my children's lives. The court went with your proposals, which was amazing. As a father, who's heard so many horror stories about family courts, I can truly say that my experience was positive and I felt safe throughout.'*

*'I just wanted to say a massive thanks to you. I know everybody has worked hard on this case but I feel I have received additional support from you and I couldn't ask for a better barrister.'*

#### **Degree/University**

MA in Law (Cambridge University)

#### **Scholarships/Awards/Prizes**

Cassel, Mansfield and Hardwicke Scholar, Lincoln's Inn

#### **Memberships**

Family Law Bar Association

Denning Society

Association of Lawyers for Children

#### **Areas of Practice**

Domestic Violence

International Family Law

Public Children Law

Private Children Law

#### **Outside Interests**

School Governor

Ambassador for Home-Start Richmond, Kingston and Hounslow