

Joanne Boyle

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Practice Overview

Joanne joined chambers following the successful completion of her pupillage with 3DJB. Joanne accepts instructions in all areas of family law; ranging from multi day fact-finding hearings to international family law disputes. In addition, Joanne also accepts instructions in TLATA disputes.

At 3DJB, Joanne has represented some of the most vulnerable clients and has had the privilege of assisting them to secure protective orders for themselves and their children. Equally, Joanne recognises the importance of everyone being treated fairly in the court system and welcomes instructions from parents who find themselves overlooked within proceedings (*often the non-resident parent who wants to focus on concluding the proceedings with a sensible and favourable outcome*). In both circumstances, Joanne has successfully challenged false allegations, had contact/living arrangements varied, and has pursued findings akin to parental alienation, all of which have resulted in the correct decisions being made for Joanne's client and their children.

Joanne has received regular commendation from members of the Judiciary for her preparation and meticulous attention to detail as well as from those instructing her for her client-focussed approach to each case.

Professional and lay clients can be assured that during case preparation, Joanne will always consider the issue of costs and how a particular step within the proceedings may benefit or expose a client to the risk of having to pay costs. She enjoys working to deliver the most cost-effective outcome; whether it be through avoiding an unnecessary hearing, making a robust costs application or seeking sensible directions early on which inform the trajectory of the entire case.

Before coming to the Bar, Joanne spent 3 years as a Tier 1 Legal Adviser to Family Law Magistrates across London. Within this role Joanne:

- advised the family court on a broad range of family law matters

- regularly assisted and facilitated parties and representatives in reaching agreement sometimes on sensitive and sometimes legally complex matters
- put questions to witnesses in domestic abuse cases on behalf of the court where parties were prohibited from cross-examining each other
- reformulated questions from self-represented parties to ensure they were relevant and appropriate
- developed ability to prepare last minute cases and quickly identifying the relevant reading, key issues and advice that the court needed to be given
- presided over FHDRA hearings in the Legal Adviser only court.

Owing to Joanne's experience as a Civil Servant, she anticipates and swiftly addresses procedural and judicial oversights to avoid unnecessary delay, adjournments, stress and cost for her clients.

Joanne is available to deliver in-house training remotely or in person. She has previously delivered training alongside the Judicial College whereupon she:

- Led training on private law applications (Section 8, SGOs and Parental Orders), public law applications (Care, Supervision and EPOs) and more general matters such as McKenzie Friends, domestic abuse and case preparation.
- Created and delivered bitesize training sessions to Magistrates and colleagues on Non-Molestation and Occupation Orders
- Delivered Judicial College training to Magistrates remotely and in person across London
- Tailored training to suit all levels of the Magistracy

Joanne was also trained as a specialist in the Reciprocal Enforcement of Maintenance Orders ('REMO') and had the benefit of receiving continuous training from the Judicial College in all areas of family law.

Lastly, Joanne also has experience working in family law solicitors for both a sole practitioner and a nationwide firm which will help her to anticipate the needs of her clients and those instructing her.

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Degree/University

Bar Professional Training Course | LLB (Hons) Law and Criminal Justice | Legal Adviser to Magistrates, Judicial College

Scholarships/Awards/Prizes

Memberships

The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn

Women in Family Law

Family Law Bar Association

Bar Council of England and Wales

Areas of Practice

Public Children Law

Private Children Law

Family Finance

International Family Law

Domestic Abuse and Injunctions

Outside Interests