

Deborah Adcock

Barrister

Overview

Deborah qualified initially as a solicitor and worked in a leading firm in Kingston upon Hull, which specialised in Criminal and Family Law. She was head of the Family department there for 15 years, and specialised in children work.

She trained in mediation, was appointed as a Mentor with the Solicitors Family Law Association (now Resolution) and a Peer Reviewer for the Legal Services Commission.

She was a member of The Law Society's Children Panel and acquired Higher Rights of Audience.

Since being called to the Bar she has continued to specialise in Public Law children work representing Local Authorities, parents, and children (direct and through Cafcass, The Official Solicitor and the National Youth Advocacy Service) and recently has concentrated on complex cases involving serious non accidental injuries, allegations of Fabricated Illness and sexual abuse.

She also regularly appears on private law children matters, Residence and Contact applications and applications for permanent removal of children from the Jurisdiction

Notable Cases

Re S; WSP v Hull City Council & S (2006) :
EWCA Civ 981

2008:
Represented child Intervener on allegations of sexual abuse of a sibling.

2009:
Junior Counsel representing the Mother in a lengthy and complex case alleging poisoning and attempted suffocation.

2010:
Junior Counsel representing the Mother in a complex case involving allegations of Fabricated or Induced Illness.

2014-2015:
Represented the Children's Guardian in complex Factitious or Induced Illness case in the lower court and the Court of Appeal. RE B (a child) B4/2014/3786



Year Of Call:

2005

Practice Areas

Public and Private
Law Children

Professional Qualifications

LLB University of Leicester

Memberships

Member of the Family
Law Bar Association

Committee member
of the NEC FLBA

Member of the Association
of Lawyers for Children