

Kate Armstrong

Barrister

Overview

Kate joined Chambers after successfully completing pupillage in September 2010.

Since then, Kate has developed a common law practice, providing advice and advocacy across Family and Civil jurisdictions.

Family

Kate has substantial experience across a range of family law matters.

Kate has a strong public law practice, acting for parents, local authorities and guardians. She has represented parents facing allegations of non-accidental injury and sexual abuse and has experience of challenging expert medical evidence. She is able to provide appropriate advice and representation depending on the needs of the client, regularly representing parents with significant mental health needs and cognitive limitations. Kate has also been involved in a number of cases in which the court has taken a 'family drug and alcohol court' approach despite this not yet being formally implemented in the local area.

In private law cases, Kate acts in both Children Act disputes and domestic violence injunction matters. Kate has experience of cases involving both removal from the jurisdiction and internal relocation, as well as implacable hostility to contact.

Kate also regularly acts in financial remedy proceedings, representing clients at FDR and final hearing stage, as well as advising on the resolution of proceedings.

Civil

Kate has a strong personal injury practice including road traffic accidents (including low velocity impact cases and credit hire litigation), occupier's liability, and employer's liability cases. She provides written advice and pleadings as well as representation at court.

Building on her strengths as an ancillary relief practitioner, Kate is also available for TOLATA claims.



Year Of Call:

2009

Practice Areas

[Credit Hire](#)

[Divorce and
Domestic Violence](#)

[Family Finance](#)

[Motor Insurance
Fraud](#)

[Personal Injury and
Clinical Negligence](#)

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Law Children](#)

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Kate also has a growing regulatory practice, having appeared at inquests including a two-week Article 2 inquest involving allegations against the police.

- Sir Thomas More Bursary, Lincoln's Inn, 2008
- Prize for Criminal Law (GDL), College of Law, 2008
- Prize for Family Law (BVC), College of Law, 2009
- Buchanan Prize For Outstanding Grade On The BVC, Lincoln's Inn, 2009
- Cholmeley Studentship, Lincoln's Inn, 2009

Kate was heavily involved in organising the highly successful North Yorkshire Family Justice Council Training Day 2012

Assists with advocacy training at York University

Kate is actively involved in the Dere Street seminar programme, delivering regular training updates on a variety of topics, most recently reforms to the Coroners' jurisdiction and recent changes to private law Children Act proceedings.

**Professional
Qualifications**

BA (Hons), English and
Philosophy (2:1), Durham
University, 2004-07

Graduate Diploma in Law
(Distinction), College
of Law 2007-08

Bar Vocational Course
(Outstanding), College
of Law 2008-09
