

Tanfield Chambers

Philip Conrath

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Areas of Practice

Family
Public Access

Career

1972 Called to the Bar
1996 Qualified as a Family Mediator
2002 Appointed part-time Immigration Judge

Profile

Since 1998, Philip Conrath has specialised purely in Family Law. He currently deals in all aspects of divorce/relationship breakdown, as well as all issues relating to children and childcare. He is equally comfortable, able, and competent to deal with large money cases as he is when dealing with an adoption or child abduction case.

He handles both Public and Private Law cases, and has considerable experience in dealing with Care proceedings. He has also acted for parents with mental difficulties, and 'Gillick' competent children. He practices regularly in the High Court and the Principal Registry of the Family Division.

Philip Conrath has experience of all aspects of Common Law, having practiced as a General Common Lawyer for the first 12 years of his practice. His advocacy skills were honed by his experience as a Criminal Advocate, when he both prosecuted and defended cases.

Philip first practiced as a Family Mediator in 1996. He has recently undergone further training and is able to take further instructions in this area.

Philip also accepts public access instructions.

Experience

Family

Obtained Leave to prosecute a Father for murder (of a step-mother to two children) within Residence proceedings in the High Court brought on behalf of the Maternal Grandparents

Acted for Local Authorities in cases where it has been sought to place children 'in care' with relatives abroad

Removal of Children from the Jurisdiction of England and Wales both temporarily and permanently to both Hague Convention and Non-Hague Convention countries

Adoption Cases (both in Private Law & Public Law)

Child Support Agency Tribunal Appeals

Public Law Child Care cases involving allegations of both physical and sexual abuse, and drug and alcohol addiction

Ancillary Relief cases involving emergency remedies, freezing injunctions, forensic Accountants, and National Lottery winners

Private Law Children Act proceedings, where he has acted for both grandparents, and for 'Gillick' competent children seeking to obtain Leave to bring proceedings without a next friend in respect of their own residence – also cases of implacable hostility involving Private Law Guardians

Obtained Unsupervised Contact, within certain prescribed limits, for a father who had been diagnosed as suffering from pathological or delusional jealousy, and had made numerous threats to kill his wife

Family Law Act proceedings

Memberships

Family Law Bar Association

Western Circuit

Appointments

Part-time Immigration Judge