

Tanfield Chambers

Michael Bailey

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Areas of Practice

Family
Personal Injury
Public Access

Career

1986 Called to the Bar

Profile

Michael specialises in Care Proceedings, Child Abduction, Negligence, Trusts of Land and Ancillary Relief. He is able to bring his experience of 15 years in the criminal courts to bear in parallel care and criminal proceedings.

Michael has been Leading Junior Counsel in Parent and Guardian Care Proceedings work.

He has also been involved in duty of care cases involving Local Authority, Health Trust and Government. He has successfully argued the HL principles in *Stack v Dowden* in a trust of land case and obtained a settlement in a negligence action arising from said principles.

He has been successful in the Court of Appeal on a number of occasions in relation to reported care proceedings (instructed by Essex CC in an appeal against findings of breach of A6 & 8) and name change cases (the latter involving Somali Muslim/patrilineal issues).

A reported duty of care case against the Home Office (*Re K*) involved the release of a dangerous convicted prisoner slated for deportation into the community.

He accepts some instructions on direct access basis.

Experience

Family

Michael Bailey has vast experience of care proceedings for parents, Local Authorities and Guardians. He has been led on many occasions and instructed as leading junior counsel. Michael also has a wealth of experience in High Court and Principal Registry of the Family Division trials and has appeared on a number of occasions in the Court of Appeal.

Divorce

High Court and County Court big and medium sized money cases

Trusts of Land

Many contested hearings at CC level

Personal Injury

Including medical negligence: High Court and County Court, workplace (including MRSA settlement), occupiers liability, Road Traffic Accidents, misdiagnosis & delay in treatment

Professional negligence

County Court: in area of divorce and trusts of land

Public Authority statutory duty

Significant Cases

K v Secretary of State for the Home Dept [2002] CA
The Times July 22, 2002

A (A Child) [2003] 2 FLR 1

NJ v Essex CC [2007] 1 FLR 77
The Times June 21 2006.

Qualifications

BA (Hons)
LLM (Human Rights)