

Tanfield Chambers

Laura Scott

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Areas of Practice

Family
Public Access

Career

2001 Called to the Bar Inner Temple

2001 to 2002 Pupillage 2 King's Bench Walk

2002 to 2004 Tenant Aldbury Chambers

2004 to present Tenant Tanfield Chambers

Profile

Laura specialises in Family and Employment Law, particularly focusing in children law and domestic violence cases.

Since becoming a member of the Tanfield Family Team in 2004, Laura has covered a wide range of complex children cases, acting for parents, children and local authorities. She has also provided local authority training on the Public Law Outline.

Laura has extensive experience of domestic violence (and associated enforcement) matters, acting for both applicants and respondents; she has delivered several lectures on the subject and has also appeared in the Court of Appeal on a successful appeal against sentence.

Having completed a common law pupillage involving a large proportion of education law, Laura practised criminal, family and education law for two years. On joining Tanfield Chambers, Laura became a specialist in children law and domestic violence cases.

Experience

Family

Application to discharge care orders in respect of seven children following the death of the children's birth father

Acting for an HIV+ mother in an application for contact with children in care, and injunctive proceedings against the children's father

Acting for a 19-year old father in residence proceedings

Acting for Respondent mother in High Court appeal by the father against a s91(14) order (reported)

Working for the local authority in a case where the mother had attempted to sell her daughter's virginity on the Internet

Care proceedings in a matter involving complex international elements

In the Court of Appeal against a sentence of imprisonment for repeated breaches of non-molestation orders

Employment

Acted for Claimant in a constructive dismissal matter

Acted for Claimant against a Nigerian king, for unpaid wages

Significant Cases

Re C-J [2006] 2 FLR 1213

Kerai v Patel [2008] EWCA Civ 600

In the Media

June 2008 Article in *Family Law Journal*, entitled 'The Impact of the PLO; Examining The Recent Changes To Child Care Procedures'

Summer 2007 Article in FLBA magazine, *Family Affairs* on the lecture given by HHJ Platt on 'Life After DVCVA Day'

Memberships

Member, Family Law Bar Association

Qualifications

B Mus Hons (Royal Academy of Music / King's College, London)

CPE (Westminster University)

BVC; Very Competent (BPP Law School)

Directory Quotes

Laura is recommended in the **Legal 500 2008 and 2009** under Children Law as a leading junior.

'Laura Scott enters the ranking for the first time and is recommended for her work in care proceedings.'

Legal 500 2008