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Practice Overview

Simon joined Chambers in March 2014 from Garden Court Chambers in London.

Simon specialises in the law relating to children, both public and private. He has considerable experience representing parents, children and local authorities in care proceedings. He has particular expertise in representing vulnerable parents with mental health, drug or alcohol problems.

Simon qualified as a solicitor in 1991 and practiced as a solicitor for 12 years until he was called to the Bar in 2003. During his years as a solicitor he was a partner and head of the family department in a major firm of solicitors in the East End of London and latterly Christian Khan in Covent Garden. He was a member of the Law Society's Children and Mental Health Panels. He was also chair of the London Children Lawyers Group.

Simon's experience whilst on the Children Panel has, since he came to the Bar, made him a favourite with Guardians. This is especially the case when representing teenage children.

In addition to his public law practice, Simon is regularly instructed in complex private law disputes including those involving lesbian co-parents. He also undertakes adoption work for both birth parents and adopters.

Care & Adoption

Simon is regularly instructed in lengthy and complex care proceedings representing parents, guardians and local authorities. He has been involved in cases involving:

- Child deaths;
- Serious non-accidental injury;
- Child pornography;
- Sexual abuse and incest;
- Child trafficking;
- Concurrent care and criminal proceedings;
- Transgender parents;
- African witchcraft and
- Teenage mothers.

Local Authority

Simon regularly represents local authorities in all Children Act 1989 and Adoption and Children Act 2002 applications.

Private Law Children

Simon undertakes all private law cases involving children. He represents parents; family members and children through rule 16(4) guardians. He has been involved in cases involving:

- Complex fact-finding hearings regarding sexual abuse and domestic violence;
- Lesbian co-parents;
- Transgender parents;
- Leave to remove from the jurisdiction;
- Internal relocation;

Notable Cases

Re C (Care: Consultation with parents not in child's best interests) [2006] 2FLR 787