

Claire Hook
(2010) Barrister

Specialist Areas

Public Law Children: Care Proceedings and Adoption

Private Law Children: Residence and Contact

Out of Court Solutions (NCDR)



Who is Claire Hook?

Claire joined Chambers following the successful completion of her pupillage in October 2017. Prior to pupillage, Claire worked for an insurance company in fleet motor claims and as a public liability claims handler before becoming a Solicitor Agent. She has built up her family practice which includes private and public child law as well as applications for injunctive relief and ancillary relief matters.

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No.18 Chambers is a distinguished set of barristers based in Southampton, recognised for its strong reputation and presence across the South Coast of England. Our expertise cover a range of practice areas, including Family Law (Care Proceedings and Adoption, Private Law Children, Matrimonial Finance), Employment, Chancery and Commercial Law, Property Disputes, together with Dispute Resolution and Mediation. Our members are committed to delivering expert legal advice and representation to clients nationwide, offering extensive experience in handling both complex and sensitive matters.



Legal Expertise

For more information or to get in touch with Claire please contact the clerks room who will be happy to assist you.

Public Law Children: Care Proceedings and Adoption

Claire accepts instructions to represent any party throughout care proceedings and has experience representing the Local Authority, parents, other family members and Guardians. She accepts instructions in all aspects of Public Law Children Work from EPO's, ICO's Case Management Hearings, Directions, Issue Resolution Hearings, Deprivation of Liberty hearings through to Final Hearings.

Private Law Children: Residence and Contact

Private Law Children: Contact and Residence Disputes Under the Children Act 1989

Claire has experience of private law children matters, accepting instructions at all stages of private children disputes including:

- First Hearing Dispute Resolution Appointments
- Prohibited Steps Orders
- Specific Issue Orders
- Applications to remove a child[/ren] from the jurisdiction
- Dispute Resolution Appointments
- Direction Hearings
- Fact Finding Hearings
- Final Hearings

Domestic Violence & Injunctions

Claire has represented many clients in cases involving Domestic Abuse, dealing with applications for injunctions under the Family Law Act 1996 (non-molestation orders and occupation orders) both on a without and on-notice basis.

Out of Court Solutions (NCDR)

Single Joint Advices/Early Neutral Evaluation

Round Table Meetings/Joint Conferences

Merits, Advice, Drafting And Support Package



Professional Info

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Qualifications

College of Law BVC, (Very Competent)

University of Wales, Swansea ,LLB (Hons)

Membership

Middle Temple

Middle Temple Young Barristers' Association

Western Circuit

FLBA

Publications

Seminar: 'Non-Molestation Orders and other things'- Co-written with Francis Payne

Seminar: 'Advocacy Tips' – Co-written with Rachel Chapman & Sarah Barber

Personal Info

In her free time Claire loves to spend time out in the countryside or on the sea. She is a Sub-Lieutenant (SCC)(RNR) with the Sea Cadet Corps and enjoys teaching when she has the chance to, she is a qualified sailing instructor and rowing coach.



Reviews

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Claire is an exceptional barrister. She is brilliant with clients and puts them at ease straight away. She goes above and beyond her duties to ensure that the client is supported. - Legal 500

She always goes above and beyond as far as I am concerned. - Anne Morris
