

1GC | Family Law

Jessica Bernstein

Year of Call: 2011



Practice Overview

Jessica is developing a broad practice across the full range of family law including: private children, care proceedings, financial remedies, domestic abuse and court of protection. In addition, Jessica accepts instructions in education, community care and administrative law.

Jessica's particular interests are in public and private children law. In public law proceedings, she represents parents, children, Local Authorities and interveners in cases involving alcohol and drug misuse, emotional harm, neglect and abuse. Jessica undertakes the full range of private child law applications. She frequently represents parents, children and extended family members in complex contact and residence disputes. She also has experience of cases involving allegations of domestic abuse, alcohol and drug misuse, implacable hostility and issues of parental responsibility, name and schooling.

In financial matters, Jessica has experience of ancillary relief applications, TOLATA claims, and Schedule 1 Children Act 1989 applications.

Jessica has represented clients with learning difficulties and mental health concerns, communicating sensitively with empathy.

Children (Private Law)

Children (Public Law)

Court of Protection

Family Finance & Property

Domestic Violence & Injunctions

Judicial Review & Administrative Law

International Family Law

Education

LLB, Law and Management, First Class, University of Leeds

BPTC, Very Competent, College of Law

Appointments

Benefactors Scholar, Middle Temple

Awards

Bar Ilan University Prize

First in the year for LLB Law and Management, 2010

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Memberships & Associations

Bar Pro Bono Unit

Family Law Bar Association

Human Rights Lawyers Association (Executive Committee Member)

JUSTICE

Honourable Society of Middle Temple

Personal

Jessica has a keen interest in theatre. She is an amateur dramatist. Jessica extends this interest into teaching drama to children, including at a centre for children with disabilities.