

1GC | Family Law

Timothy Bowe KC

Year of Call: 2003 Year of Silk: 2023



Practice Overview

Timothy Bowe KC specialises in the law relating to children. He is a leading practitioner in complex private and public law family disputes and has a strong reputation as an effective and persuasive advocate. His expertise in the field of Family Law means he often appears in highly complex and sensitive public and private law cases and is well regarded for his forensic style and strategic approach in difficult cases.

Timothy regularly acts for local authorities, parents and children as well as separately represented young people and has extensive experience representing clients in the senior courts including the Court of Appeal.

Timothy sits as Family Law Recorder.

Timothy recently appeared in two leading cases concerning transparency in family justice: the Court of Appeal decision in *Griffiths v Tickle* [2021] EWCA Civ 1882 and Lieven J's decision in *Tickle v Herefordshire County Council & Ors* [2022] EWHC 1017 (Fam).

Timothy is an active participant on the Midlands Circuit and speaks regularly at FLBA and internal seminars on developments in Children Law. He is a former Secretary of the FLBA (West Midlands) and is Head of Pupillage and Recruitment at St Ives Chambers.

He is ranked in the Legal 500 (2021) as a Tier 1 leading junior in Public and Private Law and accredited to question vulnerable and child witnesses in the Family Court.

Notable Cases

Re X and Y (Revocation of Adoption Orders) [2024] EWHC 1059 (Fam)

Tickle v Herefordshire County Council & Ors [2022] EWHC 1017 (Fam)

Griffiths v Griffiths: (Guidance on Contact Costs) [2022] EWHC 113 (Fam)

Griffiths v Tickle [2021] EWCA Civ 1882

Tickle v Griffiths [2021] EWHC 3365 (Fam)

Re E (A Child) [2020] EWFC 73

A City Council v M & Ors [2020] EWCA 947 (Fam)

Re: C (A Child: Parental Order & Child Arrangements Order) [2020] EWHC 2474

Re: C (A Child: Parental Order & Child Arrangements Order) [2020] EWHC 214

What the Directories Say

“Timothy has been invaluable on highly complex and time-consuming matters.” “Tim provides intelligent and persuasive advocacy of the highest standard.” “Tim is a future silk, for sure. He is a really high-rated public law practitioner. He is very impressive on his feet; an effective advocate with a light touch. He is somebody to watch.” - Chambers and Partners 2023.

“Timothy is calm, well-prepared, and always goes the extra mile for his clients. He is a team player, and his written documents are thorough. He is able to think on his feet and assist the court wherever necessary. He is the go-to barrister in private law children matters, and is quickly able to get to grips with the key issues and navigate a difficult path to achieve the outcome desired.” - Legal 500 2023.

“Timothy Bowe is an elegant and persuasive advocate. Often acting for Guardians, he is used to appearing against silks but is not outclassed. He brings a maturity and balance to a case which judges find attractive.” - Legal 500 2022.

“Thoughtful, analytical and well-organised, he is skillful in his advocacy.” - Legal 500 2021.

“His charming court manner and understated advocacy style makes him a very appealing advocate.” - Legal 500 2019.

“Recommended for cases involving non-accidental injuries and sexual abuse.” - Legal 500 2018.

“His advice is always on-point.” - Legal 500 2017.

“He has a keen intelligence, excellent attention to detail and is an eloquent advocate.” - Legal 500 2016.

“Erudite and intelligent in equal measure.” - Legal 500 2015.

“Superb” - Legal 500 2011.

“Timothy Bowe was described as a promising junior in care proceedings.” Legal 500.

Education

MA History (Cantab)

CPE/Diploma in Law (City University)

Scholar, Inner Temple

Vulnerable Witness Training

Appointments

Deputy Leader of the Midlands Circuit

Chair of the West Midlands Family Law Bar Association (WMFLBA), 2023

Recorder, 2018

Memberships & Associations

Family Law Bar Association

West Midlands Family Law Bar Association

Association of Lawyers for Children