

Graeme Harrison



YEAR OF CALL: 1997

INN: INNER TEMPLE

Practice Overview

Graeme has been a specialist child law barrister for over 15 years. He has extensive knowledge and experience in public children law cases, representing local authorities, parents and other family members, and children's guardians in a large number of cases. He also has experience in private law applications and appears regularly in the Court of Protection.

Graeme is known for his calm, patient and pragmatic approach. He has considerable experience of working with clients with mental health difficulties and learning disabilities.

Graeme recently underwent training with IPSEA and hopes to expand on that training in the near future.

He is a qualified family mediator and enthusiastic supporter of the Bar Pro Bono Unit.

Areas of Expertise

Family & Divorce

Children Private Law

Graeme has been a specialist child law barrister for over 15 years with extensive knowledge and experience in private law children cases. As Graeme's care practice has developed, his private law practice has also evolved and he now focusses on complex cases involving serious allegations of abuse, international issues and third parties.

Graeme also represents parents and r16.4 guardians in private law proceedings and applicants and respondents in injunctive proceedings (both FLA 1996 and PHA 1997).

Children Public Law

Graeme has extensive experience in public law cases, this being the central element of his practice for over 15

years. He represents local authorities, parents and other family members and guardians. In terms of seriousness, Graeme has been instructed in cases involving allegations of sexual & physical abuse, neglect, domestic violence/abuse, drugs, mental health issues, learning disabilities, non-accidental injury and death. He has appeared in the Family Court, High Court and the Court of Appeal, and is regularly instructed on behalf of the Official Solicitor.

Graeme has a particular interest in without notice applications in family proceedings and has contributed to lectures and training events about them, including one that was broadcast by LegalTV. Graeme has recently lectured about FGM Protection Orders.

Professional memberships:

- ▶ Family Law Bar Association

Qualifications & awards:

- ▶ BA (Hertford College, Oxford); MA (Queen's College, Oxford); DPhil (Worcester College, Oxford); GDL (College of Law, London); BVC (ICSL)

Additional information:

Graeme was a pupil and then tenant at College Chambers, Southampton. Before coming to the bar, Graeme studied Egyptology and received various academic awards, including a Major State Studentship from the British Academy.

Interests

Away from work, Graeme is an undistinguished epeeist, an unenthusiastic runner and his efforts in the gym have yet to see him crowned Mr Universe. He enjoys the works of Graham Greene and 1950s and 1960s radio comedy programmes, as a result of which, many of his jokes are older than he is.

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