Catrin John

Call: 1992

"Catrin is very experienced - an impressive advocate whilst also maintaining a very grounded practice."

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Catrin John is a senior family law specialist and Head of Chambers at 30 Park Place. Formerly Joint Head of the Family Team, she has built a respected reputation for handling some of the most serious and complex cases in the field.

Catrin's practice focuses on public law children work, with particular expertise in cases involving allegations of physical and sexual abuse. She is frequently instructed in proceedings concerning non-accidental injuries, including multiple fractures, head trauma, poisoning, and the death of a child. Many of her cases involve parallel criminal investigations, requiring careful management of sensitive evidence and close coordination between jurisdictions.

She has also acted in matters involving Forced Marriage Protection Orders and Female Genital Mutilation Orders, often in cases with international or cultural complexities.

Catrin represents a broad range of clients, including local authorities, parents, interveners, family members and children. Her ability to handle emotionally charged and high-stakes proceedings with clarity and authority makes her a trusted advocate for all parties.

Caitrin appears regularly in cases alongside and against King's Counsel and has acted in both the High Court and the Court of Appeal in her own right. Known for her calm, balanced approach and clear communication, she brings sound judgement and deep experience to every case.

Expertise

Family & Childcare

Catrin specialises in complex public law children cases involving serious allegations of physical and sexual abuse, including non-accidental injury and child death. She acts for local authorities, parents, children and interveners, and is experienced in cases involving forced marriage, FGM, and parallel criminal proceedings at High Court and appellate level.

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Appointments

- Former Wales and Chester Circuit Junior

Education

- BVC, ICSL
- LLB, Cardiff University

Memberships

- Family Law Bar Association

Notable and reported cases

- Re JW (Child at home under care order) [2023] EWCA Civ 944
- A Local Authority v AA BB [2020] EWHC 3775 (Fam)

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