

# Colin Douglas

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"Colin is very thorough and clients and fellow advocates find him very approachable."

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Colin Douglas is a well-regarded family law barrister, with a strong reputation for his work in both public and private law proceedings involving children.

He is recognised by Chambers & Partners as a notable practitioner, and is known for his calm, professional manner and strong client relationships.

Colin represents local authorities, parents, guardians, children and extended family members at all levels of the family courts. His practice includes fact-finding and final hearings in cases involving serious allegations of physical, sexual and emotional abuse, neglect, and non-accidental injury.

With a personable and thorough approach, Colin is trusted by both professional and lay clients. His ability to guide clients through emotionally charged proceedings with care, clarity and determination makes him a popular choice in Family Law cases.

## Expertise

### Family & Childcare

Colin specialises in children law, with a focus on care proceedings involving serious allegations of abuse and neglect. He represents local authorities, parents, guardians and children. He is known for clear advocacy, his calm presence, and an ability to manage complex, sensitive proceedings with care.

## Education

- Bar Vocational Course

- LLM, Bristol
- LLB (Hons), Cardiff

## Memberships

- Family Law Bar Association

## Notable and reported cases

- Re A (A child) (2006) – This matter was reported on Lawtel, on the role of International Social Services in care cases with a foreign element. The Court of Appeal considered the Judge ruling out paternal families in Turkey as potential carers for a child based on assessments by the local authority's social worker and guardian. The Court of Appeal held that international social services should do such an assessment.
- Representing local authorities in cases of (i) serious non-accidental injuries to the children and (ii) sexual abuse of the children.
- Represented a mother in care proceedings being accused of knowing and allowing serious sexual abuse of all of her children over numerous years by a number of men.
- Represented a father in care proceedings in the High Court being accused of having raped his 16 year old step-daughter who was subject to a Care Order. She conceived as a result of the alleged rape and that baby was also made subject to care proceedings.
- Numerous cases concerning serious physical injuries/sexual abuse to children.