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## JENNIFER SWAN

"Truly amazing, she was incredibly calm, collected and concise. We would not have received the result we did without her."

Client

Call: 2009

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Jennie worked for a Family law solicitors firm in the Midlands for several years before joining the Independent Bar. She specialises in all aspects of Family law with particular emphasis on children matters, including public, private and international work. Jennie acts for Local Authorities, parents, children and intervenors in public law matters, including cases with an international element and where there are allegations of non-accidental injury, sexual abuse and neglect. She has been instructed in connection with the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA).

In private law matters she is regularly instructed in serious and complex cases, including those on the 'cusp' of the public law jurisdiction, cases in which there are concurrent criminal proceedings and cases involving parental alienation.

Jennie has particular experience representing vulnerable clients, including victims of domestic violence, people with current or previous drugs/alcohol misuse issues, poor mental health and learning difficulties. She has experience working with adults who require specialist advocates to meet their needs.

She is licensed to accept direct access instructions.

### Children Law (Public)

Jennie specialises in public law children matters, in which she regularly acts for Local Authorities, parents, children (including competent children) and intervenors. She has experience of serious and complex cases including those with an international element, involving child death, non-accidental injury, factitious induced illness and sexual abuse. She is regularly instructed in contested placement and adoption proceedings. A number of Jennie's cases have involved previous or concurrent criminal proceedings, including against children. She has extensive experience representing vulnerable clients.

Jennie has been instructed on a number of cases in the High Court involving deprivation of liberty and secure accommodation applications in respect of vulnerable young people, including those requiring long term specialist care.

Jennie represents clients at all stages of proceedings, up to and including appeal, and is happy to advise in conference at any time.

## Selected Cases

[Re D \(children\) \[2011\] EWCA Civ 1743](#)

## Children Law (Private)

Jennie has extensive experience in a wide range of private law matters and acts for parents, grandparents and children at all stages of proceedings. She is regularly instructed on serious and complex cases, including those involving allegations of serious domestic violence and physical, sexual and emotional abuse against children. Jennie has considerable experience of intractable contact disputes, including where there are concerns in respect of parental alienation, and she has been commended for a robust approach particularly in these matters.

Jennie regularly appears in cases involving permanent or temporary relocation – both within the UK and internationally – acting for both the removing and the left behind parent

## Child Abduction

Jennie regularly represents both left behind and abducting parents in Wardship cases involving both Hague and non-Hague countries. She accepts short notice emergency instructions and is happy to advise on the telephone and in conference.

## Family Finance

Jennie is known for her robust and pragmatic approach to family finance cases. She has experience of cases involving multiple properties, overseas assets, trusts, conduct allegations and inherited wealth.

## Direct Access

Jennie is licensed to accept direct access instructions.

## Qualifications

- BVC, Nottingham Law School
- LLB, University of Birmingham

## Professional associations

- FLBA