

# Julie Mackenzie

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Julie Mackenzie is a highly experienced and skilled family practitioner. She specialises public and private law cases, acting for parents, children and local authorities which ensures that she is able to bring insight to all clients.

Julie has over 40 years experience in the Family Courts, during which time she has practised in all areas of family law. She brings considerable expertise and resources to the demanding and challenging world of the Family Court. This experience is supported by an interest in mediation and the benefits this brings to the family courts.

Although based in London and a Western Circuiter she has appeared in many court centres within the jurisdiction of England and Wales.

Julie is also an experienced mediator who mediates in family, equestrian and civil cases.

## Expertise

### Equestrian Law

Julie is an accomplished horsewoman with a detailed and intuitive understanding of rural and equine issues. She is the acclaimed author of Horse Law and has forged long standing relationships with vets and other equine experts giving her a particular grasp and understanding of horse related problems. Her mediation skills have been effective in equine cases, with her equestrian knowledge proving invaluable and of assistance to the parties.

### Mediation

Julie is a highly regarded family and equine law practitioner and has been a Family mediator since 2006. She added to her portfolio when she became a Civil Mediator through the London School of Mediation in 2013.

It is Julie's strongly held view that Mediation is a service that should be open to the widest range of those engaged in a dispute..

Julie is experienced in all aspects of Family mediations, from the modest issues to the larger and more complex ones.

In respect of Civil Mediations her particular expertise is in the area of all equine and animal related disputes. Her knowledge of equestrian matters is extensive and has impressed parties in these mediations. Her expertise makes her an obvious choice for those considering Mediation in the areas surrounding family, equine and farming problems.

Julie is a lifelong horsewoman and has a strong understanding of rural issues. She has extensive knowledge of the equestrian world, both domestic and sporting, familial and professional, and has had frequent exposure to the life and practice of the veterinary and farming world. She is the author of the celebrated legal text Horse Law (2012). She has practiced both in Bristol and London yet lived in the countryside since childhood. Julie has developed a rare appreciation of both of urban and rural pressures and problems.

Julie recognises the importance of keeping the lines of communication open and is acutely aware that unregulated emotion is often the most challenging part of mediation. Her aim is to facilitate a patient, calm, measured and productive atmosphere throughout the mediation process.

In a recent mediation surrounding a horse worth £50,000 it was observed, *"She had to work really hard, I know and stayed beyond booked time to reach and finalise a settlement, it was much appreciated"*

*"I want to say how brilliant Julie was as a mediator"*

*"Her general approach to this case, her particular knowledge of horses was second to none."*

## Court of Protection

Julie's experience concerning welfare decisions has led her to undertake Deprivation of Liberty cases both in the Family Court and the Court of Protection, enabling her to bring her experience into the Court of Protection.

## Qualifications

- Accredited Mediator (2005)

## Professional Associations

- Family Law Bar Association

## Professional Activities

- Julie regularly lectures on the subject of Horse law to both fellow professionals and lay people. Julie has developed a close working relationship with vets, animal behaviourists, sports psychologists, sport governing bodies and rider organisations.

## Outside Interests

- Julie enjoys time with her family, country pursuits, genealogy, travel and of course horse riding.

## Publications

- Julie is the author of Horse Law; the 3rd edition was published in January 2012.