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LEONORAH SMITH

"Leonorah Smith is a big hitter in Children Act cases. Encyclopaedic technical knowledge as standard is combined with an appreciation of the most subtle nuances of each case, making Leonorah a formidable advocate who invariably has the Judge's ear. Incredibly well prepared, and a real people person, Leonorah is my go-to for complex work of this nature"

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Leonorah Smith is a family practitioner, who specialises in Children Act matters and in particular care proceedings, representing parents, children's guardians and local authorities.

Children Law (Public)

She has dealt with cases involving both physical and emotional abuse. This includes serious non-accidental injuries such as multiple fractures, shake and impact head injuries, sexual abuse, neglect and fictitious illness syndrome. She is particularly skilled at dealing with ethnic minorities and those with mental ill-health, personality disorders and learning difficulties.

Children Law (Private)

Her expertise includes dealing with cases involving domestic violence, applying and resisting injunctions and occupation orders as well as contact and residence disputes.

Child Abduction

She regularly acts for parents who wish to relocate overseas and apply for leave to permanently remove their children from the jurisdiction and for those who wish to resist such applications as well as international child

abduction, wardship and forced marriage cases.

Qualifications

- BVC, Inns of Court School of Law
- CPE, Sussex
- BA, Surrey

Professional associations

- Family Law Bar Association

Outside Interests

Theatre, gardening, art and travelling.