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Penny Howe KC acts in all aspects of the law relating to children. In public law Penny represents local authorities, parents, guardians and competent children. She has particular expertise in cases which involve death and non-accidental injuries, allegations of serious sexual abuse, factitious and induced illness, child trafficking and cross examination of expert and vulnerable witnesses. In private law Penny acts in disputes between parents and other significant adults including cases involving serious harm, and internal and international relocation. Penny also has considerable experience in proceedings relating to press injunctions arising out of public law proceedings.

Penny was a member of the RCVS' Preliminary Investigation Committee from 2013 to 2018. From 2014 to 2017 (and the employment of case examiners) Penny was a lay Chair of the GDC's Investigating Committee. From 2016-2017, Penny was a Deputy Chair of the GOC's Investigating Committee. Since 2015, Penny has been a lay member of the GOC's Fitness to Practise Committee.

Penny has been a legal assessor for the NMC since 2016, and was recently appointed a legal assessor for the HCPC.

Notable cases include:

- *N, Re (Children: Findings Against A Professional Witness: Joinder or Intervention)* [2024] EWFC 17
- *A Local Authority v DZ & Ors* [2022] EWHC 3705 (Fam)
- *A Local Authority v Mother & Ors* [2022] EWHC 2793 (Fam)
- *Local Authority B v BD & Ors* [2022] EWHC 2341 (Fam)
- *L, Re (Third Party Disclosure Order: Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service)* [2022] EWHC 127 (Fam)
- *Re 5 Children (Induced and Exaggerated Illnesses Pattern of Behavior)* [2021] EWHC 3750 (Fam)
- *A County Council v L & Ors* [2021] EWHC 48 (Fam)
- *X (Factitious Disorder)* [2021] EWFC 46
- *H-M (Children)* [2021] EWCA Civ 748
- *Re P (A Child remote hearing)* [2020] EWFC 32

- *W (A Child: Emotional Harm), Re* [2020] EWFC B19
- *In The Matter of T and J (Children)* [2020] EWCA Civ 1344
- *I (Children: Child Assessment Order)* [2020] EWCA Civ 281
- *Sunderland CC v AB (Re-hearing: Fact-Finding: Expert of Professional Evidence)* [2019] EWHC 3887
- *W, Re (Scope of the Hearing)* [2019] B75
- *Re C (Children: Fact-Finding)* [2018] EWCA Civ 801
- *In The Matter of MA (A Child)*
- *N (A Child: Low Level Falls), Re* [2016] EWFC B29
- *SM & Ors (Welfare)* [2016] EWFC 15
- *AA (A Child), Re* [2012] EWHC 2647 (Fam)
- *A (A Minor), Re* [2011] EWHC 1764 (Fam)

Professional associations

- Association of Regulatory & Disciplinary Lawyers
- Family Law Bar Association