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Zoe Rudd is a family practitioner, with a particular interest in both private and public law. Although her approach towards clients is relaxed she has built a reputation as a tenacious advocate. She accepts instructions in applications under section 8 and enforcement proceedings and also undertakes fact finding hearings and matters of preliminary issue.

Zoe has undertaken many hearings involving physical, emotional and sexual abuse representing victims, perpetrators and children. Zoe has also been involved in numerous cases that involve parental alienation and complex expert evidence. She regularly acts in cases that involve assessments of mental health, drug and alcohol dependency and risk. She has worked on a number of cases where the Official Solicitor is involved. Zoe has also worked on cases involving cultural considerations. She will accept instructions involving issues of removal from the jurisdiction and the Hague Convention.

Children Law (Public)

Zoe's has experience in all areas of public law children work including care, adoption, Special Guardianship and contact with a child in care. She has undertaken work on behalf of the parents, local authorities, interveners, additional family members and the children, either through their Guardians or when separately represented. She has a particular interest in cases involving non-accidental injury including skull, ribs and limb fractures and burns. Zoe has worked on cases involving allegations of fabricated and induced illness. She has experience in difficult perpetrator hearings, which include issues such as conflicting medical expert evidence. She has a particular interest in matters involving mental health, personality disorders and learning difficulties. Her work has also included cases involving immigration issues and allegations of international child abduction.

Family Finance

Zoe has expertise in litigation involving financial settlements following the breakdown of marriage or civil partnership from the First Directions Appointment through to final hearing. She often advises in cases prior to commencement of proceedings in order to assist in facilitating an early resolution. Her practice involves cases at all levels from debt and transfer of tenancies to big money cases. She has experience in disputes involving personal property, business interests and those including third party interests. She has been instructed in cases concerning foreign assets and division of pensions. Her practice includes civil partnership disputes and Schedule 1 Children Act 1989 applications. In addition Zoe has experience of successfully bringing and defending applications for enforcement and variation of ancillary relief orders.

Qualifications

- LLB (Hons) (2002)

Professional associations

- Family Law Bar Association
- Western Circuit