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Melissa was called in 1999 and is a member of Grays Inn. She commenced pupillage and initial tenancy at 3 Temple Gardens. Melissa initially specialised in crime but has been accepting family cases since 2000. Melissa joined Goldsmith Chambers from 3 Temple Gardens in 2006. In 2018 Melissa was appointed Head of the Family Department at Goldsmith Chambers.

Melissa has significant experience in all aspects of family litigation from initial advice, strategic case management and advocacy. She has a particular interest in Public Law, parental alienation and serious child protection matters. She accepts instruction in all aspects of private family law, Inheritance and civil litigation arising in trust and land disputes. Melissa has experience in inter-jurisdictional matters including permanent international relocation; Forced Marriage and FGM injunctive relief; complex high net worth financial matters and agricultural divorces and settlement; of working directly with Private Family Offices (UHNW Investors) in family proceedings.

Melissa is a regular public speaker for Solicitors CPD training addressing lectures with full case law updates on Family Law, Injunctive Proceedings, Matrimonial Finance, Nuptial Agreements and Asset Security, Children's matters, Inheritance and TOLATA.

Melissa has represented a number of high profile individuals over multiple disciplines including private actions. Accepts instruction in multidisciplinary regulatory proceedings.

Recent Cases

Metropolitan Police Service v Jama Mohamed Bile [2019] EWHC 1868(Fam) – Application under Part 4 of the Family Law Act 1996 dismissed with costs directing a review of practice in the issue of proceedings in association with director to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office
P v P [2019] – Inter-Jurisdictional argument with Children's proceedings under Polish Law and Financial settlement under the jurisdiction of England and Wales
WCC v H [2019] – Resisting cross application from kinship foster carers who sought Guardianship during a Public Law application to discharge a care order.

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K v V [2019] – Acquisition of Parental Responsibility and securing child arrangements for non birth same sex partner outside of civil partnership.

M v M & O v O [2019] – Private Law proceedings where revenge pornography and serious domestic violence has featured evidentially within Children’s Act proceedings

ECC v B [2018] & SCC v G [2019] & ESCC v W [2019] – Resisting LA removal where a parent has significant physical disability and/or psychological/cognitive disadvantage. The engagement of trial intermediaries and the enforcement of proper Ground Rules during trial.

S v S & R v R [2018] – Defended complex fact Finding including serious allegation of physical and sexual violence

W v C & S v M & O v O & R v R [2018] – Resolution of complex and protracted contact dispute addressing domestic violence, violence to children and significant parental alienation

Y v E [2018] – Complex Financial application resisting a capitalisation of maintenance claim seeking a significant property transfer.

ECC v H [2017] – Abduction during Public Law Proceedings including extra-jurisdictional issues

GCC v N [2017] – Commendation from HHJ Wildblood for powerful and skilled advocacy of exceptional standing throughout a complex case analysing emerging theories of the impact of insecure attachment and the requirements upon the LA to provide resources for parents with identified learning disabilities.

BCC v ReZ [2014] – Complex and contentious proceedings relating to allegations of generational sexual abuse with unauthorised disclosure to press throughout proceedings.

Memberships

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