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Barrister

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Introduction:

Jason has specialised in family law since being called to the bar in 2009. He is able to advise on all aspects that often relate to the breakup of a family and the consequential impact this has on the arrangements for the children and/or the matrimonial finances or where protective injunctions may be required.

Jason also has significant experience of public law care proceedings and is regularly instructed by local authorities, parents and Children's Guardians and has experience of a wide range of hearings relating to care proceedings, placement and adoption.

Jason also accepts instructions on a range of civil law matters such as Personal Injury (PI), Road Traffic Accidents (RTA) and preparing infant approval settlements. Jason acts for both claimants and defendants and will draft particulars of claim, defences and counterclaims and will readily advise on quantum and liability.

Whilst Jason is a robust advocate he is also very able at placing his clients at ease and sensibly guiding them through the legal process.

Jason is accredited to accept instructions direct from the public.

PRIVATE AND PUBLIC LAW
- Adoption
- Care Proceedings
- Secure Accommodation
- Child Abduction
- Child Arrangements Orders
- Emergency Protection of Children
- Domestic Violence

Jason accepts instructions in both private and public family law and has experience of a wide range of hearings relating to care proceedings, placement and adoption proceedings, as well as child arrangement proceedings and has experience of Brussels II

applications, finding of fact and non-accidental injury hearings. Jason regularly receives instructions from Local Authorities, Parents, Grandparents and Guardians.

MENTAL CAPACITY AND DEPRIVATION OF LIBERTY SAFEGUARDS
- Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DOLS)
- Mental Capacity
- Family Court
- Court of Protection

Jason is regularly instructed in public law cases including applications for secure accommodation orders and issues pertaining to deprivation of liberty safeguards (DOLS). Jason has experience of cases involving residential homes together with restrictions of liberty. Jason is able to advise clients in cases under the Mental Capacity Act 2005 and provide representation within the Family Court and Court of Protection as required. Of particular interest are matters pertaining to vulnerable children and young adults and considering how family arrangements can support orders made by the court.

MATRIMONIAL FINANCE
- Divorce
- Ancillary relief / Matrimonial finance
- Representing clients with ADR such as Arbitration

Jason frequently takes instructions in all areas of matrimonial finance and is able to advise from first appointment through to the final hearing or alternatively support clients utilise alternative dispute resolutions such as arbitration. He is happy to advise on the financial remedies available following divorce and is able to effectively negotiate as required.

INJUNCTIONS
- Non-Molestation Orders
- Protection from Harassment Act applications
- All forms of domestic abuse, including physical, verbal and sexual
- Cases involving controlling and coercive behaviour
- Occupation Orders
- Transfer of tenancy applications
- Committal proceedings

Jason accepts instructions in proceedings concerning emergency Family Law Act injunctions. This includes applications for non-molestation (non-mol) or Protection from Harassment Act (PHA) orders where injunctive protection is sought. Jason also acts in relation to Transfer of Tenancy and Occupation Order applications where the regulation (or sole occupancy) of a property is required. Jason can also help representing parties at ex-parte and urgent applications and cases involving medical evidence, medical experts and police disclosure.

CIVIL
- Personal Injury
- Road Traffic Accidents (RTA)
- Highways Act Claims
- Holiday Claims
- Infant Approval Settlements
- Motor Insurance Bureau Claims
- Drafting advice on quantum and liability
- Drafting particulars of claim, defences and counterclaims

Jason accepts instructions in relation to Personal Injury (PI) claims, Road Traffic Accidents (RTA) and preparing infant approval settlements. Jason acts for both claimants and defendants and will draft particulars of claim, defences and counterclaims and will readily advise on quantum and liability.

EDUCATION
- Appeals
- Special Educational Needs & Disability ('SEND')
- Disability discrimination claims arising in an educational setting
- Educational Health and Care Plans ('EHCPs')

Jason accepts instructions from parents, pupils, schools, NGOs including charities and Local Authorities in education law. Jason receives instructions from solicitors and on a direct access basis.

PERSONAL
Oustide of court Jason enjoys playing chess, spending time with his family and is an FA Level 1 qualified football coach and is actively involved with a local youth team.

Very experienced in:

- Family Law - Family - Children, Family - Other