

Spire Barristers

FAMILY & PUBLIC LAW SPECIALISTS

Transparency Guidance Required Information

About Us

Our barristers in chambers practise in Family Law and Public Law. Our barristers advise and represent clients:

- Within the fields of Public Law Children Proceedings, Private Law Children Proceedings and Matrimonial Finance Proceedings in the Family Courts. Our barristers also act for clients in the High Court and Court of Appeal, and for Local Authorities and the Children's Guardian ;
- Within the fields of Public Law In relation to Court of Protection both Health & Welfare and Finance & Property, Education and Judicial Review matters. Our barristers act for clients at all levels of the Court of Protection, High Court to the Court of Appeal.

Contact Us

The following are invited to contact the clerks on 0113 200 2400 for a quote for our barristers' services (or e-mail: clerks@spirebarristers.co.uk):

- Solicitors or other practising lawyers;
- Licensed Access clients, who may either hold a licence issued by the Bar Standards Board, or be a member of a professional body which has been recognised by the Bar Standards Board;
- Members of the public who wish to instruct a barrister under the Public Access scheme.

We will provide you with a quote as soon as possible. We always aim to set out quotes clearly, but if you receive your quote and there is something you do not understand, please contact us.

Fees

Barristers in chambers most often charge fixed fees or in the alternative hourly rates for Family Law and Public law work (where the client is not eligible for legal aid or the body instructing is party to a service level agreement with chambers). For information, please contact the clerks on 0113 200 2400 (or e-mail clerks@spirebarristers.co.uk).

Timescales

Timescales for a case may vary depending on factors such as barristers' availability, the type and complexity of the case, the other side's approach and court waiting times.

Public Access

If you are a member of the public, the Bar Standards Board's Public Access Guidance for Lay Clients is available at: [Public-Access-Guidance-for-Lay-Clients.pdf](https://www.barstandardsboard.org.uk/public-access-guidance-for-lay-clients.pdf) ([barstandardsboard.org.uk](https://www.barstandardsboard.org.uk))

If requested we can print and send this to you. This will help you to understand how the Public Access scheme works, and explains how you can use it to instruct barristers directly.

Regulatory and Complaints Information

Barristers in chambers are regulated by the Bar Standards Board. You can search the Barristers' Register on the Bar Standards Board's website: <https://www.barstandardsboard.org.uk/for-the-public/search-a-barristers-record/thebarristers-register.html>

This shows (1) whether a barrister has a current practising certificate, and (2) whether a barrister has any disciplinary findings, which are published on the Bar Standards Board's website in accordance with their policy. Alternatively, you can contact the Bar Standards Board on 020 7611 1444 to ask about this (or e-mail ContactUs@BarStandardsBoard.org.uk).

A separate sheet is enclosed which provides information about:

- Our complaints procedure;
- Any right you may have to complain to the Legal Ombudsman (LeO) – the independent body which can help you if you have complained to your lawyer and are not happy with their response;
- How to complain to LeO; and
- Any time limits for making a complaint.

You can also search the decision data on LeO's website:

<http://www.legalombudsman.org.uk/raising-standards/data-and-decisions/#ombudsmandecision-data>

This shows providers which received an ombudsman's decision in the previous 12 months, and whether LeO required the provider to give the consumer a remedy.

Alternatively, you can contact LeO on 0300 555 0333 to ask about this (or e-mail enquiries@legalombudsman.org.uk).

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