Josie Canham-Williams

Barrister

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Summary

Following her pupillage under the supervision of James Goodwin, with further mentorship from Ashley Lord and Laura Twist, Josie specialises in Public and Private Family Law work and in Court of Protection proceedings. She also has an interest in developing a practice in SEND law, having gained experience in this area through her voluntary work with the IPSEA SEND Tribunal Helpline. Josie received training in this area from Holly Littlewood during her pupillage.

Josie is particularly skilled at working with clients with additional needs or clients who speak another language and require an interpreter. She has refined communication skills and is calm, assertive and approachable in high pressure situations to achieve pragmatic outcomes for her clients. From her own experience of being a young carer, Josie has developed a particular interest in the law surrounding mental capacity and special educational needs, and has previously worked at Elfrida Rathbone Camden, a charity which supports families with multiple and complex needs and young people with a learning disability.

Areas of Practice

PUBLIC LAW CHILDREN

Josie has experience appearing for parents, local authorities and children in a range of cases involving substance misuse, neglect, mental health issues, and physical, sexual and emotional abuse. Josie has been led by Ashley Lord in a four-week final hearing, and by David Phillips in a case which involved serious allegations of sexual abuse.

PRIVATE LAW CHILDREN

Josie has represented clients in a number of fact finding hearings involving serious allegations of physical and verbal abuse including sexual abuse and rape, and coercive and controlling behaviour. Josie appreciates the traumatic nature of these proceedings and is able to support her clients while fearlessly pursuing the outcome sought.

DOMESTIC ABUSE AND INJUNCTIONS

COURT OF PROTECTION: HEALTH AND WELFARE

Josie has a growing Court of Protection practice and has delivered training to local authorities regarding the law surrounding deprivations of liberty of children and young people. Josie regularly represents individuals, local authorities, NHS Trusts and Integrated Care Boards in Section 21A and Section 16 welfare applications and is looking to further expand her practice in this area.

EDUCATION LAW

INQUESTS

Publications

Josie summarised RE: C (Looked after Child) (Covid-19 Vaccination) – the first case of its kind which addressed the administration of the Covid-19 vaccination for 12-15 year olds and the winter flu vaccination for children in school years 7 to 11

Appointments and Memberships

- Inner Temple
- Court of Protection Bar Association
- Family Law Bar Association
- Young Legal Aid Lawyers