

# Christopher Poole KC

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## Joint Head of Chambers, Christopher Poole KC practises family law, focussing on cases involving children.

In public law proceedings, Chris often represents the Local Authority or the children / Children's Guardian.

Chris is regularly instructed in complex cases against Silks and leading juniors both at first instance and on appeal.

Chris's work includes Children Act proceedings, adoption, wardship and medical treatment cases.

Chris has a particular interest in cases involving findings of serious physical and/or sexual abuse.

Chris has been commissioned to undertake several independent case reviews into Local Authority handling of cases.

Chris is an advocacy trainer at his Inn, pupil supervisor and delivers seminars to clients. Chris is an approved pupil supervisor trainer.

## Expertise

### Public Law Children

#### Appellate

- **K-H (Children) (Care Orders: Proportionality) [2025] EWCA Civ 1368**
- **Re H (Children; Uncertain Perpetrator: Lies) [2024] EWCA 1261**

- [Re W \(Appeal Fact find\) \[2024\] EWCA 1590](#)
- [Father v WCC \(Appeal\) \[2024\] EWCA 694](#)
- [Re B-M \[2021\] EWCA Civ 1218](#)
- [K \(children\) \[2019\] EWCA Civ 2264](#)

#### **Media / Transparency**

- [Tortoise Media Ltd v A local authority \[2024\] EWFC 50](#)

#### **Radicalisation**

- [Y \(Children\) \(Radicalisation: Interim Removal\) \[2016\] EWHC 3827 \(Fam\)](#)
- [Y \(Children\) \(Findings of Fact as to Radicalisation\) \(Pt.1\) \[2016\] EWHC 3826 \(Fam\)](#)
- [Y \(Children\) \(Findings of Fact as to Radicalisation\) \(Pt.2\)\[2016\] EWHC 3825 \(Fam\)](#)

#### **Honour-based Violence**

- [Re S \(Findings of Fact; Honour Based Violence\) \[2013\] EWHC 15 \(Fam\), \[2013\] All ER \(D\) 187 \(Jan\)](#)

#### **FGM**

- [S-P \(FGM; welfare\) \[2019\] EWFC B77](#)
- [S-P \(FGM; reopening fact finding\) \[2019\] EWFC B76](#)
- [S-P \(FGM; fact finding\) \[2018\] EWFC B101](#)

#### **Complex Care Proceedings**

- [A County Council v A mother and others\[2011\] EWHC 402 \(Fam\), \[2011\] All ER \(D\) 33 \(Jun\)](#)
- [Re H \(A Child\) \[2014\] EWHC 970 \(Fam\), \[2014\] All ER \(D\) 252 \(Nov\)](#)
- [Westminster City Council v M and others \[2017\] EWHC 518 \(Fam\), \[2017\] All ER \(D\) 176 \(Mar\)](#)

#### **Publicity & Care Proceedings**

- [Westminster City Council v M, F, and H and Associated Newspapers Ltd\[2017\] EWHC 1221 \(Fam\)](#)

#### **Costs (arising from care proceedings)**

- [Kent County Council v A Mother, F and X, Y and Z \(Intervener\) \(Costs in Care Proceedings\) \[2011\] EWHC 1267 \(Fam\), \[2011\] All ER \(D\) 95 \(Jun\)](#)

#### **International Jurisdiction / Article 15 / Brussels II Revised / Diplomatic Immunity**

- [X London Borough v C and others \[2014\] EWHC 2472 \(Fam\), \[2014\] All ER \(D\) 42 \(Nov\)](#)

- Re B (Care Proceedings; Diplomatic Immunity) [2003] 1 FLR 241

## Appointments

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- Bencher, Lincoln's Inn (2025)
- Joint Head of Chambers (2015 – )
- Sir Thomas More Bursery, Lincoln's Inn

## Accreditations

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## Languages

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- German
- Flemish

## Professional Memberships

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- FLBA

# Privacy Policy

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I am registered with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) as a Data Controller for the personal data that I hold and process as a barrister. My registered address is New Court Chambers, Temple, London EC4Y 9BE and my registration number is Z4644035.

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- The processing is necessary for administering justice
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- Social work involvement;
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- Instructing solicitors;
- Pupil or mini pupil, under my training;
- Opposing Counsel, for the purposes of resolving the case;
- My Chambers management and staff who provide administrative services;
- My regulator or legal advisors in the event of a dispute or other legal matter;
- Law enforcement officials, government authorities, or other third parties to meet our legal obligations;
- Any other party where I ask you and your consent to the sharing.

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- There is an unresolved issue, such as claim or dispute;
- I am legally required to; or
- There are overriding legitimate business interests, including but not limited to fraud prevention and protecting customers' safety and security.

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## Directories

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Chambers & Partners 2026

*"It is always a joy to work with Chris. He is incredibly responsive and able to provide an exceptional level of support to his instructing solicitor."*

Chambers & Partners 2026

*"He manages to combine being relatable to the client with being able to manage the difficult personalities that sometimes present in care proceedings."*

Chambers & Partners 2026

*"An exceptionally skilled and persuasive advocate who consistently commands the respect and attention of the court. He pursues his client's case with fearless determination. An unflappable junior."*

Legal 500 2026

*"He provides truly the best representation for his clients."*

Chambers & Partners 2025

*"I consult him on all of our most complex matters because of his knowledge, expertise, client care, advocacy skills and overall heft as a barrister."*

Chambers & Partners 2025

*"Chris is an excellent barrister."*

Chambers & Partners 2025

*"He is a calming and erudite presence in court."*

Chambers & Partners 2025

*"A highly experienced junior working at a KC level."*

Chambers & Partners 2025

*"An extremely able barrister who is also very approachable."*

Chambers & Partners 2024

*"He's a good advocate who pays good attention to detail."*

Chambers & Partners 2024

*"His written work is excellent and his experience shines through in the way he presents cases to the court. Judges feel they can trust what he's saying and that the case is being presented fairly and accurately. He's always a calm but robust advocate when appearing on behalf of his client."*

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