

Gabriella Slater

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Gabriella Slater is a specialist family barrister, with a broad practice encompassing both public and private law proceedings, as well as protective injunctions under the Family Law Act 1996.

She has appeared at all levels up to and including the High Court.

Gabriella has worked in family law since 2018. Prior to joining New Court Chambers, Gabriella worked as a family paralegal at two tier 1 family firms, with a particular focus on public law children cases. Gabriella successfully completed her pupillage with New Court Chambers in 2023.

Gabriella is often recognised for her practical and empathetic approach with clients whilst maintaining a firm focus on achieving the best possible outcome for a client, in often difficult and emotionally charged circumstances.

Expertise

Public Law Children

Gabriella is regularly instructed on behalf of local authorities, parents, and children's guardians in public law proceedings. Gabriella's practice includes cases involving chronic neglect, physical and sexual harm, substance misuse, poor mental health and/or domestic abuse.

Gabriella has particular experience is managing vulnerable clients and those with mental health difficulties. She accepts instructions to represent clients from the first hearing through to multi-day fact findings and/or final hearings. Gabriella also has experience of

the FDAC process.

Gabriella is frequently instructed by local authorities to draft threshold documents, review evidence and advise on findings of fact.

Gabriella has experience in deprivation of liberty applications including those that concern vulnerable children and young people with complex needs.

Gabriella has also been instructed to represent the applicant local authority within female genital mutilation and forced marriage protection order proceedings.

Private Law Children

Gabriella frequently represents parents in applications concerning child arrangements (lives with and spends time), as well as cases involving allegations of domestic abuse and parental alienation, intractable contact disputes and issues of relocation.

Gabriella also accepts instructions and has experience of representing children's guardians under Rule 16.4.

Awards

- Leolin Price QC Scholarship, Middle Temple
- Onora O'Neill dissertation award for the best dissertation, Surrey University

Qualifications

- BPTC (Distinction), BBP Law School
- LLM (Distinction) Law, BPP Law School
- LLB (Hons) Law, University of Surrey

Professional Memberships

- Family Law Bar Association
- Middle Temple