

Giles Bain

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Giles Bain completed his pupillage within chambers and has been a member ever since. In 2016 he became Joint Head of Chambers alongside Chris Poole.

Giles undertakes all aspects of family work, including children matters in private and public law proceedings (representing Local Authorities, parents, third parties and children). Out of hours' emergency work covered as well. Appearances in Family Proceedings Courts, County Courts, Crown Courts (PII matters), High Court. Proceedings from first appearance to final hearing in all the above-mentioned areas of work covered. Extensive experience in drafting (including pleadings, skeleton arguments, appeal documentation, practice direction documents, threshold documents and advices).

Involved extensively with Chambers administration and CPD lectures, given through New Court. Approved as a Pupil Supervisor through Lincoln's Inn.

Accreditations



Professional Memberships

- FLBA

Reported Cases

- *The London Borough of Barking & Dagenham v SG & Ors* [2014] EWHC 3761 (Fam) 22 September 2014 – Further judgment of the High Court pending.
- *B (A Child)* [2014] EWCC B55 (Fam) 17 January 2014
- *Re S, K v The London Borough of Brent* [2013] EWCA Civ 926 – Court of Appeal
- *Re W (Fact Finding: Hearsay Evidence)* [2013] EWCA Civ 1374 – Court of Appeal
- *Re H (Children) (Sexual Abuse: Fact Finding)* [2011] EWCA Civ 525
- *A London Borough v O and Others* [2011] EWHC(Fam) 2754

Privacy Policy

Data Controller

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 Z9634134.

Data Collection

All of the information that I hold about you is provided to or gathered by us in the course of your case and/or proceedings. Your solicitor and I will tell you why we need the information and how we will use it.

Lawful Basis for processing your information

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) requires all organisations / individuals that process personal data to have a Lawful Basis for doing so. The Lawful Bases identified in the GDPR are:

- Consent of the data subject
- Performance of a contract with the data subject or to take steps to enter into a contract
- Compliance with a legal obligation
- To protect the vital interests of a data subject or another person
- Performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller.
- The legitimate interests of ourselves, or a third party, except where such interests are overridden by the interests, rights or freedoms of the data subject.

Examples of legitimate interests include:

- Where the data subject is a client or in the service of the controller;
- Transmission within a group of undertakings for internal administrative purposes;
- Processing necessary to ensure network and information security, including preventing unauthorised access;
- Processing for direct marketing purposes, or to prevent fraud; and
- Reporting possible criminal acts or threats to public security.

My Lawful Basis is:

- Your consent
- To protect the vital interests of a data subject or another person
- Compliance with a legal obligation

My Legitimate Interest is:

- You are a client
- The processing is necessary for administering justice
- The processing is necessary in relation to legal proceedings, for obtaining legal advice, or otherwise for establishing, exercising or defending legal rights

I use your information to:

- Provide legal advice and representation
- Communicate with you about services, updates and events

I do not use automated decision-making in the processing of your personal data.

I collect and process both personal data and special categories of personal data as defined in the GDPR. This includes:

Client data

- Name;
- Email;
- Phone number;
- Address;
- Date of birth;
- Location details;
- Medical history and current medical health;
- Criminal convictions;
- Social work involvement;
- Ethnic origin;
- Religious background.

I may share your personal data with:

- 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.

Transfers to third countries and international organisations

I store my case files on OneDrive which is a cloud hosted environment based in the US.

OneDrive relies upon a variety of legal mechanisms for its international transfer of personal data from the EU to the United States. Dropbox is certified under the EU-US and Swiss US Privacy Shield Programs regarding the collection, use and retention of personal data and its transfer from the EU and Switzerland to the United States.

In addition to the Privacy Shield, OneDrive also provides strong contractual guarantees around the privacy of its services and relies on the EU Model Contract Clauses to cover its international transfers of data.

I am satisfied that such transferred data is fully protected and safeguarded as required by the General Data Protection Regulation.

Retention of data

I retain your personal data while you remain a client unless you ask me to delete it.

My Retention and Disposal Policy (copy available on request) details how long I hold data for and how I dispose of it when it no longer needs to be held. I will delete or anonymise your information at your request unless:

- 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.

Your Rights

The General Data Protection Regulation gives you specific rights around your personal data. For example, you have to be informed about the information I hold and what I use it for, you can ask for a copy of the personal information I hold about you, you can ask us to correct any inaccuracies with the personal data I hold, you can ask us to stop sending you direct mail, or emails, or in some circumstances ask us to stop processing your details. Finally, if I do something irregular or improper with your personal data you can seek compensation for any distress you are caused or loss you have incurred. You can find out more information from the ICO's website https://ico.org.uk/for_the_public/personal_information and this is the organisation that you can complain to if you are unhappy with how I dealt with you.

Accessing and Correcting Your Information

You may request access to, correction of, or a copy of your information by contacting me at gbain@newcourtchambers.com.

I will occasionally update my Privacy Notice. When I make significant changes, I will notify you of these by email. I will also publish the updated Notice on my website profile.

Directories

"Giles is a skilled advocate who is highly experienced in all areas. I really enjoy working with him."

Chambers & Partners 2026

"Giles Bain is incredibly competent and incredibly calm."

Chambers & Partners 2026

"Giles is an incredibly competent senior barrister who is an absolute pleasure to work with."

Chambers & Partners 2026

"Very measured in his advice and someone who deals with really difficult litigants in person beautifully."

Chambers & Partners 2025

"His calm, collected manner serves to neutralise the often fraught nature of family proceedings, but not at the cost of losing the momentum of the argument or the point being made."

Chambers & Partners 2025

"Giles is assiduous and has excellent legal knowledge. A good advocate with a considered approach."

Legal 500 2025

"Giles commands huge respect both from the wider Bar and the judiciary. He's good at the detail, and also fair and measured."

Chambers & Partners 2024

"He's really collegiate and a good cross-examiner, whose attention to detail is second to none."

Chambers & Partners 2024

"Giles is very good and approachable to clients of all levels. He knows the law very well, and his knowledge leads to excellent outcomes for clients."

Legal 500 2024

"Giles Bain is calm and collected; his approach really helps especially with difficult clients."

Chambers & Partners 2023

"It's a pleasure to work with Giles. He's incredibly competent, has a wonderful way about him and is really composed in difficult and challenging cases. He's sensible and gets everyone talking together to work things through."

Chambers & Partners 2023

"Giles is a good advocate, working hard for his clients."

Legal 500 2023

"Co-head of chambers who focuses on complex public law children cases, representing parents, children and local authorities. His practice sees him engaged in serious matters including those relating to sexual abuse and non-accidental injury."

Chambers & Partners 2022

"Pays great attention to detail so he can highlight gaps in evidence presented by local authorities."

Chambers & Partners 2022

"He's focused on balance and parity and will go through the evidence thoroughly in non-accidental injury cases."

Chambers & Partners 2022

"Giles delivers excellent client care and expert advice."

Chambers & Partners 2022

"Giles has an excellent knowledge. He knows his area of law so well he is able to raise points and legal arguments that others have missed which he has done leading to a completely different and much more positive outcome for clients."

Legal 500 2022

"Co-head of chambers who focuses on complex public law children cases, representing parents, children and local authorities. His practice sees him engaged in serious matters including those relating to sexual abuse and non-accidental injury."

Chambers & Partners 2021

"Giles has an amazing practice when it comes to non-accidental head injury cases."

Chambers & Partners 2021

"His style of advocacy is interesting as he is quite subtle but the message gets home. He really knows what he is talking about."

Chambers & Partners 2021

"Is an exceptionally able barrister with huge experience of dealing with complex cases involving children."

Legal 500 2021

"A senior junior who is capable of holding his own even in the most exalted of legal company. He's a tireless, persuasive and able"

advocate for the children he represents and is extremely good in complex medical cases."

Chambers & Partners 2020

"He is impressive, and has a lovely, calm and easy style of advocacy. He isn't afraid to run a case."

Chambers & Partners 2019

"Giles takes the temperature out of heated arguments - he's quiet yet effective."

Chambers & Partners 2019

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Chambers & Partners 2019