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Kezia Kernighan accepts instructions in all areas of public and private children law, and injunctive applications under the Family Law Act 1996.

Expertise

Public Law Children

Kezia represents local authorities, parents, children, intervenors and grandparents in care and adoption proceedings involving chronic neglect, emotional and physical abuse, domestic abuse, substance misuse and non-accidental injury. She frequently appears in the National Deprivation of Liberty Court and the Family Drug and Alcohol Court.

Kezia regularly undertakes multi-day trials involving serious allegations of abuse against children and cross examination of expert and lay witnesses.

Kezia often drafts threshold documents and schedules of findings.

Private Law Children

Kezia regularly represents parents in intractable disputes, including Fact-Finding hearings and cases with an intentional element.

Kezia represents children through their Guardians, appointed under Rule 16.4.

Other Experience

Kezia has assisted in providing training to the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health.

Kezia provides legal advice on a pro bono basis at the Queen Mary Legal Advice Centre.

Kezia has acted as a mentor for Vocalise, a Gray's Inn scheme which aims to bring the benefits of formal debating to prisons and has taught at HMP Downview and HMP Pentonville.

Awards

- Street & Maxwell Prize, Inner Temple
- Philip Teichman Benefactor's Award, Inner Temple
- Exhibition Award, Inner Temple

Qualifications

- BPTC, University of Law, London
- GDL, BPP University, London
- MA Hons (History & Politics), University of Edinburgh

Professional Memberships

- Family Law Bar Association
- Inner Temple

Publications

- "Opposed adoption proceedings" (July 2021, Family Law Journal | LexisNexis)

Reported Cases

- [Buckinghamshire Council v Mother & Ors \[2024\] EWFC 338 \(B\)](#)
- [Local Authority 1 & Anor v Mother & Ors \[2024\] EWFC 270 \(B\)](#)

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