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Laura Harrington is building a varied practice and has experience of representing clients at all levels, including the High Court.

Laura's practice primarily focusses on Children Act proceedings, adoption, inherent jurisdiction matters and the Court of Protection. She regularly appears for children, parents, local authorities and grandparents.

Laura has experience in representing clients in lengthily fact finding hearings involving allegations of sexual, emotional and physical abuse. She also has experience of being led on a number of occasions in cases, which have involved complex medical evidence.

Throughout her practice she has and continues to provide training events to lawyers and other professionals involved in child protection.

Accreditations



Qualifications

- BVC, BPP Law School (2009)
- LLB (Hons), Cardiff University (2008)

Professional Memberships

- Family Law Bar Association

Reported Cases

- [L \(A Child\) \[2017\] EWHC 3707 \(Fam\)](#)
- [A \(No.2\) \(Children: Findings of Fact\) \[2019\] EWCA Civ 1947](#)
- [A Local Authority v M & F & Ors \[2019\] EWHC 1447](#)
- [A & Ors \(Fact Finding\) \[2020\] EWFC 108](#)

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 ZA050415.

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
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- To protect the vital interests of a data subject or another person
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- Where the data subject is a client or in the service of the controller;
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- 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;
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- 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.

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I store my case files on Microsoft OneDrive which is a cloud hosted environment. OneDrive has a network of data centers around the globe, and verifies that each data centre meets stringent security requirements.

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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 lharrington@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

"Laura goes above and beyond to achieve the best possible outcome. She's approachable and provides clear and practical advice."

Chambers & Partners 2026

"Laura is a good advocate who is great to work with – she approaches all her cases with sympathy and skill."

Chambers & Partners 2026

"Laura is an effective advocate who deals with complex matters in court effectively and works well with the clients."

Chambers & Partners 2026

"Laura is a calm, collected and focused advocate. She can cut through the semantics of law to give clear, structured, and focused advice."

Legal 500 2026

"An experienced counsel, who is very good with clients."

Chambers & Partners 2025

"Laura is an excellent advocate, who is very knowledgeable, extremely skilled and always well prepared."

Chambers & Partners 2025

"Her advice is sound, pragmatic and straightforward."

Chambers & Partners 2025

"Laura is passionate about her objectives and does not hesitate to go the extra ten miles to do the best for her clients."

Chambers & Partners 2025

"Laura is the full package. A bright, charismatic junior."

Legal 500 2025

"Laura is a friendly, approachable advocate whose knowledge is inspiring. She is always prepared and client-focused."

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"Intellectually rigorous and highly analytical, she takes a robust approach in court."

Chambers & Partners 2024

"She's economic in her cross-examination in a highly effective way."

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"She puts in a lot of hard work and is extremely personable."

Chambers & Partners 2023

"A favourite with clients who is very approachable and offers level-headed advice."

Chambers & Partners 2023

"A well-respected advocate with experience of handling some of the most sensitive types of public children work. She regularly appears in proceedings involving child deaths, non-accidental injuries, and sexual abuse."

Chambers & Partners 2022

"Goes above and beyond for her clients and successfully negotiates complex future contact arrangements."

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"She's charming and makes polished submissions on serious non-accidental injury cases."

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"Laura is hard-working, knowledgeable and good with clients. She has a good grasp of the issues in cases."

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"Responsive, sensible, calm, and able to come up with solutions. She has a great manner with social workers and clients, and engages well with other parties in difficult situations."

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"Laura has a good mix of experience of working for local authorities, parents and guardians, and knows what each party needs. She used to be a solicitor so has experience from both sides of the process."

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