





Reiss Morrison

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Reiss Morrison always practiced exclusively in family law and has represented local authorities, guardians, parents, the Official Solicitor and other family members.

Specialising in public and private law children, domestic abuse, Court of Protection and DOLS matters, Reiss has been instructed at every stage of proceedings including complex fact-finding hearings involving allegations of serious sexual abuse, acting for both Applicant and Respondent. Reiss has obtained and defended against an array of findings sought by litigants.

Reiss is known for his kind approach to clients and robust advocacy in and out of Court. As a former paralegal, Reiss has a unique insight into the role solicitors perform for clients and how the relationship with barristers interconnects.

Before becoming a barrister, Reiss spent his third year of university at the University of Texas at Austin where he represented clients on death row. Reiss assisted with their appeals and attended the Texas Court of Appeal. Whilst in Texas, Reiss also co-authored a paper to the United Nations about the Second Amendment and participated in the Cancer Law Clinic to assist clients with their wills.

Back in the UK, Reiss has delivered seminars to independent domestic violence advisors and solicitors surrounding applications for legal aid and case law updates. He was also the President of the University of Nottingham Pro Bono Society which was awarded the best in the country by LawCareers.Net.

Reiss has taught basic legal concepts to hundreds of primary school students in Nottinghamshire and taught prisoners about when they must disclose their imprisonment to prospective employers.

Expertise

Public Law Children

Reiss has a thriving practice in public law (children) cases. He is repeatedly instructed for many local authorities at interim and final hearings.

Reiss also represents parents and is adaptable to the needs and vulnerabilities of clients.

Before reaching the Bar, Reiss authored countless statements on behalf of parents who he represented as a paralegal. Reiss was heavily involved in the Public Law Outline (PLO) process representing parents. Reiss quickly built excellent client care and advocacy skills.

A (A Child) (Special Guardianship & Care Order) [2025] EWFC 135 (B)

HHJ Willans addressed the relationship between Special Guardianship, Care, Non-Molestation and S.34(4) Contact Orders. Represented the Local Authority and secured all orders sought.

Re L (2024) (unreported): Final Hearing representing the Mother. Persuaded the Court that a placement order should not be made and that further assessment of the Mother should be conducted.

Re A (2025) (unreported): Final Hearing representing the Local Authority. Guardian and IRO opposed the Local Authority's care plan for SGO to foster carer, seeking placement order instead. Case law on 'impasse' between Court and Local Authority considered. The Court approved the Local Authority's care plan.

"Mr Morrison appeared in my court yesterday acting for a Local Authority. The Local Authority had in the run up to the case taken what I regarded as an over casual approach to expecting to be able to attend remotely at a hearing and I said as much to Mr Morrison. He in contrast had taken a thorough and diligent approach to his preparation of the case getting to me in good time an excellent document – which made my life much easier in a busy applications list.

During a pause to sort out an issue with interpreters, since I had not come across Mr Morrison before I looked him up and was surprised to find from the website he had only been on his feet a month. I would not have – and indeed had not – realised this from his presentation." – Royal Courts of Justice, Presiding Judge (Anonymised) (2023)

"I was very impressed with Reiss on the above matter. He got to grips with the papers very quickly and turned around a PS within hours of being instructed. The client didn't turn up for the 3 day FH and Reiss kept in contact with him throughout. He sent me updates, an attendance note, copied me in on the draft order so I was kept in the loop and I have received the finalised CMO today." – Instructing Solicitor (Anonymised) (2025)

"Thank you for the wonderful training session. It was really well received and people loved seeing you again

Thanks for giving us your time and teaching us" – Solicitor feedback following training session delivered by Reiss (2025).

Private Law Children

Reiss has a thriving practice in private law (children) cases, representing mothers, fathers and extended family members across the country. Reiss has extensive experience in making and responding to applications under Section 8 Children Act 1989, including acting for 16.4 Guardians. A sensitive but robust approach is always used by Reiss who is able to effectively manage client expectations whilst invariably striving for the best possible outcome.

Reiss has secured and defended against numerous findings of abuse and consistently receives high praise from clients.

"I had not appreciated you were a pupil because you represented your client as if you were an experienced advocate.

I was impressed by the fact that you were well prepared to present your clients case. You understood and were obviously familiar with the law and assisted the Court as the hearing unfolded.

You also clearly understood Court etiquette (...)." – Presiding Judge (Anonymised) (2023)

"I just wanted to thank you so much for your representation yesterday. I think you are an amazing young man and you are definitely in the right profession!

You are kind, professional, articulate and a pleasure to be in your company.

Never stop dreaming about goals as I believe you are more than capable of achieving anything you set your sights on.

Take care and thank you again for everything." – Client (Anonymised) (2024)

Domestic Abuse

Whether a part of private or public law children proceedings, or injunction applications, Reiss has a thriving practice in private law (domestic abuse) cases. Reiss understands the sensitive approach needed towards clients making and defending against allegations of domestic abuse.

As a paralegal, Reiss regularly made applications for legal aid, giving him insight into the funding requirements and system.

Reiss has negotiated pre-Court settlements and is always willing to fight for clients no matter the odds. He clearly understands the law and operation of Non-Molestation Orders and Occupation Orders and accepts instructions for both Applicant and Respondent.

Court of Protection & Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DOLS)

Reiss' practice in Court of Protection and DOLS matters has continued to grow. Reiss very often appears before the National DOLS Court and has dealt with consolidated DOLS and care proceedings.

Reiss has a lot of experience representing local authorities and accepts instructions from all parties involved in these difficult and evolving matters.

Qualifications

- BPC with A Pro Bono Focus, University of Law, Birmingham
- LLM with A Pro Bono Focus, University of Law, Birmingham
- LLB Law with American Law (Hons), University of Nottingham

Professional Memberships

- Family Law Bar Association