



Sam Wallace

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Sam Wallace is a specialist family practitioner, who focuses on both public and private law children work, where he has expertise and experience in acting for local authorities, parents, children and other family members.

He is regularly instructed in complex cases involving, among other things:

- Serious cases of inflicted injury to children, including child death, multiple fractures and non-accidental head injury, and sexual abuse.
- Cases of alleged fabricated or induced illness.
- Forced marriage, including cases of alleged honour-based violence.
- Cases involving allegations of radicalisation.
- Cases involving Female Genital Mutilation ('FGM')
- Complex and intractable contact disputes in private law proceedings, including cases where there are disputed allegations of physical, sexual and emotional abuse, including alleged parental alienation.
- Cases with an international element, including both Hague and non-Hague child abduction.

Expertise

Public Law Children

Sam has over 20 years of experience acting for local authorities, parents, children (including separately represented children) and other family members in complex care proceedings at every level including in the High Court and the Court of Appeal.

He is regularly instructed in complex cases involving serious allegations of inflicted injury to children, including child death, multiple fractures and non-accidental head injury, and sexual abuse, cases involving allegations of fabricated or induced illness and cases with an international element, including allegations of forced marriage, FGM and radicalisation.

Sam is experienced in the cross-examination of vulnerable witnesses, including both children and vulnerable adults, and has completed the Family Law Bar Association Advocacy for the Vulnerable training.

His reported cases include:

- Re D, E & F (Children) [2025] EWFC 174B)
- A Borough Council v C & Ors [2025] EWHC 508 (Fam)
- Re J (Care Plan for Adoption) [2024] EWCA Civ 265
- Royal Borough of Greenwich v DC, DT & DAS [2019] EWHC 1751
- Re W (Female Genital Mutilation and Forced Marriage: Fact Finding) [2019] EWHC 2449 (Fam)
- Re C (A Child) [2016] EWFC B45

International Child Abduction

Sam has a growing practice representing both parents and children in international child abduction proceedings brought under the 1980 Hague Convention and in non-Convention cases.

Recently reported cases include:

- *Re G (A Child) (Abduction: Poland)* [2025] EWHC 2752 (Fam)

Private Law Children

Sam regularly represents parents and children (including separately represented children) in private law children disputes, where he has a particular interest in cases with an international element, including those brought under Article 21 of the 1980 Hague Convention, and applications for permission to remove from the jurisdiction.

Accreditations



Qualifications

- LLB (Hons) Law, London School of Economics

Professional Memberships

- Family Law Bar Association

Privacy Policy

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- Pupil or mini pupil, under my training;
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- 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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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.

Directories

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"Sam's advocacy is insightful, skilled and intelligent. He meticulously develops the most complex points and is ruthless in cross-examination."

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"Sam is calm, precise, erudite and always focused on getting the best result for the client."

Chambers & Partners 2025

"Sam is a highly polished and thoughtful advocate who always has the ear of the court. His advocacy is second to none, and his case preparation is always meticulous and thorough. He is a highly effective and robust cross-examiner."

Legal 500 2025

"Always has the ear of the court because he's fully conversant with his client's case. He absolutely understands the legal principles and judges listen to him. He has this persuasiveness about him in court, which is amazing to see."