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Sarah Nuttall practices in all areas of family law, with a particular focus on private and public law children proceedings.

Sarah accepts instructions on behalf of local authorities, parents, children and prospective adopters. She has a particular interest in cases involving adults or children with mental health issues, learning difficulties or complex needs.

Sarah joined New Court as a tenant after successful completion of her pupillage. Sarah first obtained a Psychology degree at Exeter University before converting to law and being called to the Bar in 2011.

Before joining New Court, Sarah gained invaluable experience assisting the head of the family department at a large Somerset firm in a number of complex cases involving issues of capacity, learning difficulties and international elements. Key to her success in this position was her earlier experience as a fee-earner at two well-known law firms in Devon and Somerset where she gained solid foundations in both prison and mental health law. This experience was further complimented by Sarah's volunteer work as an Appropriate Adult and as a representative with Bristol Law School's domestic violence pro bono scheme.

Accreditations



Awards

- Winner of the Albion Chambers and Bristol Law School Advocacy Competition
- Runner-up in the Guildhall and Bristol Law School Advocacy Competition
- Honourable Mention from Gray's Inn for performance in the final Pupil Advocacy Assessment

Qualifications

- BPTC (Outstanding), Bristol Law School
- GDL, Bristol Law School
- CPE, Bristol Law School
- BA (Hons) Psychology, University of Exeter

Recent Cases

- Eight day final hearing in care proceedings where the risk to the child focused on significant and serious non-accidental injuries to the child's older siblings subject to previous proceedings. Sarah was instructed throughout the course of these proceedings;
- Care proceedings involving international issues with one parent and family members residing in Egypt in addition to parental mental ill health;
- Financial remedy proceedings where one party lacked capacity to litigate and was represented through the Official Solicitor;
- Care proceedings involving concerns of fabricated/induced illness thought to be caused by strongly held religious beliefs;

- Private law proceedings children proceedings where one parent had significant mental health issues and fluctuating capacity.

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 ZA050289.

Data Collection

All of the information that I hold about you is provided to or gathered by me 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;
- Any psychological, psychiatric or other assessments;

- 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. OneDrive 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;

- I am acting on the advice or requirements of the professional and/or supervisory bodies that I am associated with such as the Bar Standards Board and the Bar Council;
- 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.

Directories

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"She combines deep empathy with a remarkable ability to simplify complex legal concepts, ensuring her clients fully understand their positions and options."

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"Sarah is a great advocate and also a very skilled lawyer. Her attention to detail and analysis of the law and evidence are amazing – she will leave no stone unturned when dealing with cases."

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"Sarah is hardworking, well-prepared, and knows the papers inside and out. She is very compassionate with her clients."

Legal 500 2025

"Always approachable and has excellent advocacy skills."

Chambers & Partners 2025

"She thinks of points others may not always pick up on, which then prove essential in achieving the right outcome. Sarah goes above and beyond when tackling cases. She is a pleasure to work with."

Chambers & Partners 2025

"A great advocate all-round. You know you can entrust a case to her safe handling as even the most complex of matters are a walk in the park for her due to her forensic approach."

Chambers & Partners 2024

"A knowledgeable, confident advocate who gives clear and sound advice."

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"A talented advocate whose submissions are intelligent and well researched. She really gets to grips with the issues in a case and asks questions that go to the heart of the matter."

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