



Sarah Nuttall

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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.

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."

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"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."

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"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."

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"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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