



## Penny Howe KC

King's Counsel (Door Tenant)

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## Summary

Penny Howe KC acts in all aspects of the law relating to children. In public law Penny represents local authorities, parents, guardians and competent children. She has particular expertise in cases which involve death and non-accidental injuries, allegations of serious sexual abuse, factitious and induced illness, child trafficking and cross examination of expert and vulnerable witnesses. In private law Penny acts in disputes between parents and other significant adults including cases involving serious harm, and internal and international relocation. Penny also has considerable experience in proceedings relating to press injunctions arising out of public law proceedings.

Penny was a member of the RCVS' Preliminary Investigation Committee from 2013 to 2018. From 2014 to 2017 (and the employment of case examiners) Penny was a lay Chair of the GDC's Investigating Committee. From 2016-2017, Penny was a Deputy Chair of the GOC's Investigating Committee. Since 2015, Penny has been a lay member of the GOC's Fitness to Practice Committee.

Penny has been a legal assessor for the NMC since 2016, and was recently appointed a legal assessor for the HCPC.

Penny remains a full member of Pump Court Chambers, London.

## Areas of Practice

**CHILD ABDUCTION**

**PUBLIC LAW CHILDREN**

**PRIVATE LAW CHILDREN**

**DOMESTIC ABUSE**

**INQUESTS**

## Notable Cases

X (Factitious Disorder) [2021] EWFC 46

H-M (Children) [2021] EWCA Civ 748

Re P (A Child remote hearing) [2020] EWFC 32

W (A Child: Emotional Harm), Re [2020] EWFC B19

In The Matter of T and J (Children) [2020] EWCA Civ 1344

I (Children: Child Assessment Order) [2020] EWCA Civ 281

Sunderland CC v AB (Re-hearing: Fact-Finding: Expert of Professional Evidence) [2019] EWHC 3887

W, Re (Scope of the Hearing) [2019] B75

Re C (Children: Fact-Finding) [2018] EWCA Civ 801

In The Matter of MA (A Child)

N (A Child: Low Level Falls), Re [2016] EWFC B29

SM & Ors (Welfare) [2016] EWFC 15

AA (A Child), Re [2012] EWHC 2647 (Fam)

A (A Minor), Re [2011] EWHC 1764 (Fam)

## Appointments and Memberships

Association of Regulatory & Disciplinary Lawyers

Family Law Bar Association

## Legal Directories

"Penny has a wealth of specialist knowledge that she carries with such ease that she beguiles opponents and judges alike with her skilful advocacy. She fights for her clients with a highly persuasive combination of passion, insight and realism."

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"She has a keen attention to detail and is able to marshal enormous bundles of evidence and quickly pick out the best points to make on behalf of her clients in highly complex matters."

"Penny is a truly outstanding advocate."

Chambers & Partners 2023

"She is fantastic, very organised and always immaculate in her preparation." "She's really top of the tree. She's an extremely able advocate and particularly good on paper while going the extra mile."

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"Penny is a formidable opponent and a terrific advocate in court. Her advocacy is extremely persuasive and she is resilient under fire. She keeps a cool head at all times."

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