

Martine Swinscoe

Year of Call: **2018 (Solicitor: 1998)**



Martine started her career far from the field of Law as a Manager within a large retail organisation. She then changed careers and practiced as a Solicitor for 20 years before being called to the Bar.

Family Law has always been Martine's specialism where she has focused on care proceedings, and all aspects of children work; representing Parents, Children, Grandparents and other family members.

Martine has considerable experience in courts from Magistrates to High Court, and has dealt with cases involving gender issues, non accidental injuries, sexual abuse, fabricated illness by carers, and deprivation of liberty in children.

Her open-minded nature combined with forthright attitude allows for a realistic and sensible approach to problems faced by her clients in an effort to resolve them efficiently and effectively.

Martine has been shortlisted in the Barrister / KC of the Year category at the Manchester Legal Awards 2026.

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Education

Manchester Metropolitan University - LLB (Hons)

Professional Memberships

Child Concern
Law Society Children Panel (child representative)

Notable Cases

A (Letter to a Young Person), Re (Rev 1) [2017] EWFC 48 (LexisNexis transcript here)

Salford CC v M (Deprivation of Liberty in Scotland) [2019] EWHC 1510 (Fam)

Manchester CC v CP & DT & P (A Child acting by her Children's Guardian) [2023] EWHC 133 (Fam) (January 2023; The Honourable Mr Justice MacDonald sitting as a Judge in the High Court of Justice Family Division)



FINALIST

Barrister / KC of the Year