

Samantha Birtles

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Samantha has specialised in Family Law for over twenty five years. Her practice includes Public and Private Law. She is instructed to represent Local Authorities, parents, and children.

Samantha is experienced in the conduct of complex and sensitive cases. She regularly appears in the High Court. Samantha was recently instructed in a lengthy High Court case with a time estimate of 15 weeks, heard by Sir Mark Hedley. Her practice includes cases involving complex medical issues, such as FII and death and serious injury to children. She is renowned for her careful and empathetic handling of vulnerable clients.

Samantha regularly gives seminars to colleagues and solicitors in respect of recent legal developments.

Samantha is a French speaker.

Education

Birmingham University LLB Hons 1988
Scholarships - Inns of Court studentship
Harwicke Scholar, Lincoln's Inn
Inns of Court School of Law 1988-9

Professional Memberships

Family Law Bar Association
Northern Circuit
Committee Member of Manchester FLBA Committee
Multi Disciplinary Committee of Lawyers and Medical Experts

Notable Cases

Re M (contact : supervision) 1998 1 FLR 727
Re P (section 91(14) Guidelines : Residence and Religious Heritage) 1999 2 FLR 573
Re H (a child) (adoption : disclosure) 2001 1 FCR 726
Re F (children)(DNA evidence)2008 1 FLR 348
Re T (a child) [2017] EWFC 19