



William Tautz

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Areas of Practice

In public children's law, William represents local authorities, parents and children in family proceeding courts, county courts, and the Family Division. Recent cases have variously included: injunctions, the inherent jurisdiction, care plans for overseas placement and adoption, immigration issues, representation of through the Official Solicitor, and arguments as to Articles 6 and 8 of the ECHR.

William's practice, in private children's law centres on contact and residence. He has wide experience that includes: applications by non-parents; special guardianship orders; guardians-ad-litem; restraint of further applications; removal from the jurisdiction; domestic violence and protection from harassment; and transfers of tenancy under the MCA 1973, CA 1989 and FLA 1996.

In mental health law, William appears in the Court of Protection and the First-Tier Mental Health Review Tribunal.

In education law William has experience of appeals in relation to admission and exclusion and special educational needs.

He also represents and advises local authority clients in relation to disclosure into criminal proceedings (and public interest immunity) and the Data Protection Act 1998.

William is happy to consider giving pro bono advice on defamation and libel to charities and campaigning organisations prior to publication. William also provides advice and representation within his areas of expertise through the Bar Pro Bono Unit.

Publications

'New Tricks' Counsel June 2008

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Background

William Tautz has a B.A. degree in psychology from Truman State University in the U.S. His former career was in managing mental health services in London.

At the age of 33 he returned to education and obtained an LLB (Hons) degree from South Bank University, earning a first class degree and the Law Department's Sweet & Maxwell Prize for outstanding student. In 2002 he won a £2,000 prize in The Times Law Awards.

After completing the Bar Vocational Course, he undertook pupillage at Garden Court Chambers where his pupil supervisor for family law was Jo Delahunty (now Q.C.). His experience also includes criminal law - with trials in both the crown and magistrates courts -- and civil law.

William's interest in family law stems from his commitment to his own children and his belief that nothing is more important, both for individuals and for society, than getting right the decisions that relate to family life. Throughout his legal training he sought out family law as an area of specialism.

He demonstrates fearless representation of his clients' interests but also a constructive approach to negotiation and advocacy characterized by compassion: see his article [New Tricks](#) Counsel, June 2008.

Personal

William is married and has five children aged between 18 and 6 years.