

Anne-Marie Lucey (2005)

Call: 2005
 Tenant: Since 2017
 Practice: Family

As well as undertaking her Bachelor of Laws at Queen Mary, before moving on to achieve her Master of Laws at UCL, Anne-Marie is bilingual in French and has attained a French Law and Language Certificate from Universite de Paris II, Pantheon-Assas.

Since, she has established a thriving family law practice, earning an international footprint and a reputation for tackling high profile cases in the High Court and the Court of Appeal. She often represents local authorities, parents, grandparents and children in care proceedings and holds particular expertise in the cross examination of experts and other witnesses in complex, fact-finding hearings.



Anne-Marie also provides specialist advice in child law cases where there is an international or diplomatic element. In the past, she has assisted in an application for a Care Order in relation to a 16-year-old child in a complex case with an international element. She has also represented the local authority in an application for a Care Order which was made when an independent social worker was supporting the parents' application to adjourn proceedings for further assessment of the Pakistan-based mother, as well as other complicated cases.

In addition to this, Anne-Marie has significant experience of both obtaining and fending return orders in applications to remove children from the jurisdiction and child abduction proceedings. Her private law children practice also deals with the most intractable of contact disputes.

Furthermore, Anne-Marie provides particular expertise in financial remedies upon divorce or separation/TOLATA claims and lectures in international family law issues. She has also taught child law on the Legal Practice Course to solicitors.

Recently, Anne-Marie successfully defended in a reported child abduction case, *SK v BK* [2017] EWHC 976 (Fam) (17 March 2017). In this case, she acted on behalf of the father, who claimed that his young child's mother had acted in breach of his custody rights when she moved the child from Poland to England without his consent.

Other reported authorities from the past five years include:

10th June 2016 | BAILII

London Borough of Sutton v MH (No. 2) [2016] EWHC 1371 (Fam)

Anne-Marie represented the local authority in the High Court in an international child law case. The local authority applied for, and was granted, a reporting restriction order. This case included a range of issues relating to diplomatic immunity and required co-operation with foreign embassies.

22nd March 2016 | BAILII

London Borough of Sutton v MH (No. 1) [2016] EWHC 1375 (Fam)

Led by Alex Verdan QC, Anne-Maria assisted in an Application for a Care Order in relation to a 16-year-old child. Again, this was a complex case with an international element.

30th July 2015 | BAILII

NH (1996 Child Protection Convention: Habitual Residence) [2015] EWHC 2299 (Fam)

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This was a consideration of jurisdiction to make public law orders in respect of a child. Cobb J found jurisdiction of necessity.

14th July 2015 | BAILII

Re K (1980 Hague Convention) (Lithuania) [2015] EWCA Civ 720

In this case, Anne-Marie was led by David Williams QC in the Court of Appeal. The case was brought before court as a mother was against an order that her daughter be returned to Lithuania. 22nd January 2014.

Re S (A Child: Care Order) [2014] EWHC 529 (Fam)

Anne-Marie represented the local authority in an application for a Care Order which was made because an independent social worker supported a child's parents application to adjourn proceedings for further assessment of mother in Pakistan. Mrs Justice Pauffley heavily criticised the assessment of the independent social worker in her judgment.

2nd March 2012

VC v GC (Jurisdiction: Brussels II Revised Art 12) [2012] EWHC 1246 (Fam)

Private law children matter where there were ongoing proceedings in England and France.

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