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## David O'Brien (1994)

**Call:** 1994 Middle Temple  
**Tenant:** Since 1997  
**Practice:** Family Law

Specialising in Care work, private law Children Act matters, Financial Relief, Mental Health.

Prior to being called to the Bar, Mr O'Brien spent 10 years working as a child protection and mental health social worker and manager. He also acted as a Guardian ad Litem. The unique skills gained from these experiences have been employed by Mr O'Brien in his practice at the Bar, hence he practises exclusively in family and mental health law.



Mr O'Brien has gained a reputation as being an effective communicator, particularly when acting for vulnerable clients.

In child care proceedings, Mr O'Brien has a valuable insight into social work practice and procedures and uses this to scrutinise local authority plans.

Mr O'Brien has extensive experience in residence and contact applications. Given the principle of promoting the welfare of the child, he understands the need for effective communication and the importance of mediation in resolving disputes.

Mr O'Brien has a thriving ancillary relief practice and again brings his effective negotiation skills to this area of law.

In 2007 Mr O'Brien accepted the Bishop of Brentwood's invitation to join the Diocesan Commission for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults.

Mr O'Brien is a member of the Irish Lawyers Association and the FLBA.

Notable cases include Re C (Abduction: wrongful removal) [1999] 2 FLR 859.

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