

Paul Hopkins QC



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Chambers and Partners

Experience

Year of Call: 1989

Year of Silk: 2009

Practice Areas

- Private Children Law
- Public Children Law

Education

LLB (Hons)(Birmingham) 1984/87 (N.F.U. Mutual & Avon Assurance Prize for Commercial Law)
Gray's Inn Senior Society Award

Languages

Welsh

Appointments

Recorder (January 2006) Crown Court (Authorised to try Serious Sexual Offences); Public / Private Family Law

Approved Counsel on the Welsh Assembly Government Panel of advocates under the category of Family and Children Law.

Member Bar Council / O.S.S. fees dispute joint tribunal

External examiner at Cardiff University Law School B.P.T.C. ('Bar Finals') course

Director, Family Contact (Cardiff) 1998 to date [Secretary to the Board 1999 to 2005]

Profile

Paul handles all aspects of public law and private child work.

Paul's heavy care practice covers the full range of clients. Recent cases have included sibling fatalities, fabricated illness, serious sexual abuse and infant non accidental head injuries.

Before coming to the Bar, Paul acquired extensive experience, in a residential social work capacity, working with deaf people and people with learning disabilities / mental health problems. Paul is a Welsh speaker. He is married with one son.

Memberships

FLBA

Gray's Inn

Directories

Paul has been consistently recommended in the Legal 500 and Chambers directories since 2002 and 2003 respectively.

Chambers 2008 records that he “unfailingly won praise from the interviewees in both the ancillary relief and public law markets. He’s very sensible, knows the law, cares about the clients and does his research.” Chambers 2010 records that “...he is thorough, persuasive and assured on his feet.”

Cases

26/11/2008	Re MW (Case Management) (2008)	Paul Hopkins QC	(2010) 1 FLR 1093
25/04/2007	Re N (Jurisdiction) (2007)	Paul Hopkins QC	(2007) 2 FLR 1196 ; [2007] EWHC 1274 (Fam)
28/03/2007	Re EN (A Child) (2007)	Paul Hopkins QC	[2007] EWCA Civ 264
25/07/2005	Re C (Adoption: Disclosure to Father) (2005)	Paul Hopkins QC	(2006) 2 FLR 589; [2005] EWHC 3385 (Fam)
12/01/2005	M v M (2005)	Paul Hopkins QC	(2007) 1 FLR 251; [2005] EWHC 2769 (Fam)