

## Joanne Porter

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Chambers and Partners 2017

### Experience

Year of Call: 2010

### Practice Areas

- International Children Law
- Private Children Law
- Public Children Law

### Direct Access

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### Qualifications

Admitted as a Solicitor 2000,  
Children Panel Local Authority member 2006,  
Children Panel member 2008  
Admitted to the Bar 2010

### Education

Post Graduate Diploma in Child Care Law and Practice  
LLB Law (2:1) University of Kent at Canterbury

### Profile

A barrister specialising in children matters, Joanne has established a busy practice with significant experience in the representation of Local Authorities, children, parents, grandparents and extended family. Qualifying as a solicitor in 2000, Joanne then transferred to the Bar in 2010.

Having experience working as a solicitor for the local authority and in private practice prior to her transfer to the Bar, Joanne has an unusually broad experience in her field, which is reflected in a dynamic and well considered approach to her practice.

Joanne has a strong reputation for dealing with complex and multifaceted cases in areas such as non-accidental injury, sexual and physical abuse, neglect, substance misuse, domestic violence and working with parents with learning difficulties.

Joanne specialises in cases involving complex medical evidence dealing with suspected cases of non



accidental injury, on occasion resulting in the death of a child. Joanne has also had significant involvement with cases concerning historic sexual abuse representing the local authority, alleged perpetrators and children.

Joanne is the co-author of *Child Protection Proceedings: Care and Adoption Orders*, a practice guide to care proceedings published by LexisNexis, now in its second edition.

### **Memberships**

Association of Lawyers for Children (ALC)  
Family Law Bar Association (FLBA)

### **Directories**

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Strengths: "A natural advocate who works well with vulnerable clients."

#### **Chambers & Partners, 2021**

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#### **Chambers & Partners 2017**

'A skilled barrister especially in her cross-examination'.

#### **Legal 500, 2016 Tier 1**

Junior with noteworthy experience in private and public law children matters. She has significant focus on non-accidental injury, and sexual and physical abuse. She is particularly noted for her work with migrant families from Eastern Europe.

Strengths: "Her particular forte is the international element. She is great on Eastern European cases."  
"She stands out in care work; she knows the law very well."

#### **Chambers & Partners 2016**

'Her cases are presented with clear knowledge of the issues'.

#### **Legal 500, 2015**

Has impressive experience in cases concerning Eastern European families, and expertise in a range of matters including those involving non-accidental injury, sexual abuse and domestic violence.

Strengths: 'Joanne is a good advocate, particularly for people who are vulnerable. She really does fight on their behalf, but she does so with care'. 'She's gentle and doesn't tend to be unnecessarily aggressive. She chooses the right questions and picks her battles'.

#### **Chambers & Partners, 2015**

'Good with vulnerable individuals, including domestic abuse victims and young mothers'

#### **Legal 500, 2014**

## Cases

17/06/2021	R (Care Proceedings: Joinder of Foster Carers)	Piers Pressdee QC Joanne Porter	[2021] EWCA Civ 875
17/12/2019	S and T (Children: care orders) (2019)	Jo Delahunty QC Chris Barnes Joanne Porter	[2019] EWHC 3851 (Fam)
19/11/2019	Re N (A Child) (2019)	Joanne Porter	[2019] EWCA Civ 1997
02/02/2019	Northamptonshire County Council v M and N (2018)	Joanne Porter	[2018] EWFC 82
04/09/2018	Re K (2018)	Joanne Porter	[2018] EWCA Civ 2044
08/03/2017	C v D (2017)	Christopher Hames QC Joanne Porter	[2017] EWHC 807 (Fam)
04/08/2016	Medway Council v MI & Ors (2016)	John Tughan QC Joanne Porter	[2016] EWFC 74
07/06/2016	Kent County Council v (1) AK (2) JD (3) KD (By Her Children's Guardian) : Kent County Council v (1) JE (2) JS (3) VS, SE & LE (By Their Children's Guardian) : Kent County Council v (1) JC (2) LF (3) DF & JF (By Their Children's Guardian) (2015)	Joanne Porter	[2015] EWFC 93
31/05/2016	Kent County Council v (1) AK (2) JD (3) KD (By Her Children's Guardian) : Kent County Council v (1) JE (2) JS (3) VS, SE & LE (By Their Children's Guardian) : Kent County Council v (1) JC (2) LF (3) DF & JF (By Their Children's Guardian) (2015)	Joanne Porter	[2015] EWFC 96
06/02/2014	Re A (A Child) (2014)	Joanne Porter	[2014] EWHC 604 (Fam)
01/02/2013	LA v DG & Ors (2013)	Joanne Porter	[2013] EWHC 734 (Fam)