

Sally Bradley

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Chambers & Partners 2018



Experience

Year of Call: 1989

Practice Areas

- Court of Protection - Vulnerable Adult
- Financial Remedies
- Private Children Law
- Public Children Law

Dispute Resolution

- Collaborative Law
- Mediation

Direct Access

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Awards



Education

BA (Hons) French Birmingham University
CPE (Central London)

Languages

French, German

Appointments

Family Law Bar Association Committee 2007-2010

Profile

Sally is regularly instructed to represent parents, local authorities and children's guardians in complex care proceedings involving child fatalities, significant injuries or serious abuse. She has a particularly in depth experience of care proceedings where there are parallel criminal proceedings and has over recent months been increasingly instructed in a number of high profile cases involving reporting restricting orders.

Sally is often instructed in cases with complex medical issues and was recently instructed in a high profile medical case where a mother was resisting chemotherapy for her son which attracted considerable publicity.

Sally had a highly successful criminal practice up to 2006 when she decided to focus solely on her family work. Her criminal background has provided her with the specialist forensic and advocacy skills required in complex care cases.

Sally regularly advises local authorities on policy issues.

In Court of Protection matters she is regularly instructed by local authorities, family members and Deputies in matters of both finance and welfare.

Memberships

Family Law Bar Association
Association of Lawyers for Children
Criminal Bar Association
Liberty
Affiliate Member of Resolution

Directories

Specialises in complex public law children issues involving serious abuse and injury. She acts on behalf of parents, children and local authorities and has particular experience in matters with concurrent criminal proceedings, having previously practised criminal law herself.

Strengths: "Sally is a compassionate and focused advocate." "Humble and accessible, she deals with the most complicated cases." "Experienced, confident and has a good sense of humour, which is important in this line of work."

Chambers & Partners, 2021

'Has an unshakable calm, an insightful brain and excellent client management.'

Legal 500, 2021

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Strengths: "She's knowledgeable about the law, and a firm, thorough advocate. You know she's going to put the client's case across accurately."

Chambers & Partners 2020

'A persuasive advocate who is also empathetic with clients.'

Legal 500, 2020

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Strengths: "You know she'll do a case beautifully, transparently and professionally. She's a brilliant cross-examiner."

Chambers & Partners 2019

'Has a very loyal client following, no doubt due to the incredible attention she gives to each case.'

Legal 500, 2019

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Chambers & Partners 2018

'Her knowledge is unmatched.'

Legal 500, 2017

'Very good with vulnerable clients.'

Legal 500, 2016

Cases

23/04/2021	AX v BX & Ors (Revocation of Adoption Order) (Rev 1)	Sally Bradley	[2021] EWHC 1121 (Fam) (23 April 2021)
17/06/2020	SX (A Child) (2020)	Alex Verdan QC John Tughan QC Sam King QC Sally Bradley Greg Davies	[2020] EWHC 1573 (Fam)
05/05/2020	A Local Authority v Mother & Ors (2020)	Alex Verdan QC John Tughan QC Sam King QC Sally Bradley Greg Davies	[2020] EWHC 1086 (Fam)
04/04/2019	Re B (Children: Uncertain Perpetrator) (2019)	Sally Bradley	[2019] EWCA Civ 575
16/11/2016	Re AD & AM (Children) (Fact Finding: Re-Hearing) (2016)	Sally Bradley Julia Townend	[2016] EWHC 2912 (Fam)

24/02/2016	Re (1) AD (2) AM (Children) (2016)	John Tughan QC Sally Bradley Julia Townend	[2016] EWHC 326 (Fam)
29/09/2015	Re Q (A Child) (2015)	Sally Bradley	[2015] EWCA Civ 991
02/09/2015	RY v Southend Borough Council [2015]	John Tughan QC Sally Bradley	[2015] EWHC 2509 (Fam)
02/07/2015	Re R (A Child) (2015)	Henry Setright QC Sally Bradley Chris Barnes	[2015] EWCA Civ 674
11/06/2015	Re A (A Child) (2015)	Sally Bradley	[2015] EWHC 1709 (Fam)
19/03/2015	SR (A Child: Habitual Residence) [2015]	Henry Setright QC Sally Bradley Chris Barnes	[2015] EWHC 742 (Fam)
21/08/2014	Re F (A Child) (2014)	Jane Rayson Sally Bradley David Bedingfield	AC9201158
12/08/2014	W (Children) [2014]	Sally Bradley	[2014] EWCA Civ 1303
20/06/2014	Local Authority 1 & Others v AF (Mother) & Others [2014]	Sally Bradley Chris Barnes	[2014] EWHC 2042 (Fam)
20/07/2012	A Council v (1) M (2) F (3) A (4) B, C, & D (By Their Children's Guardian) (Reporting Restrictions) (2012)	Sally Bradley	[2013] 2 FLR 1270 : [2013] Fam Law 970 : [2012] EWHC 2038 (Fam)
17/07/2012	A Council v (1) M (2) F (3) A (4) B, C, & D (By Their Children's Guardian) (Welfare) (2012)	Sally Bradley	[2013] 2 FLR 1261; [2012] EWHC 4242 (Fam)
08/03/2012	A Council v M and Others (No 1) (Fact-finding; Adoptive Child; Artificial Insemination) [2012]	Sally Bradley	[2013] 2 FLR 1229; [2012] EWHC 4241 (Fam)
12/04/2010	A London Borough Council v K & others	Alex Verdan QC Sally Bradley	[2009] EWHC 850
08/02/2008	Haringey London Borough Council v S	Sally Bradley	[2007] 1 FLR 387