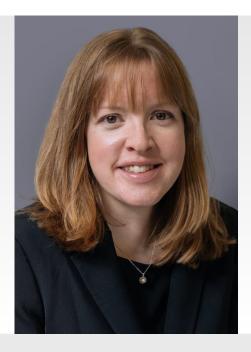


## **Hannah Lynch**

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Hannah Lynch has a busy practice across Civil, Education Law (and related areas of Public Law), Family Law and Court of Protection proceedings.

Hannah's practice encompasses Civil / Public Law (with a focus on Education / SEND), Family and Court of Protection. She is listed by The The Legal 500 as a leading junior in Education / Public Law. Hannah is appointed to the Attorney General's Regional C Panel of Junior Counsel to the Crown.

## **Expertise**

## Special Educational Needs & Disability (SEND)

Hannah has considerable expertise in this area and is sought after by solicitors firms and local authorities across the country.

Hannah acts for clients across the full range of education-related disputes, including:

- Claims before the First-Tier Tribunal (SEND) and Upper Tribunal related to Education, Health and Care Plans
- Disability Discrimination proceedings
- Judicial Review claims against Local Authorities and government departments.
- Admissions and exclusion appeals.
- Claims involving universities, Multi-Academy Trusts and further/higher education providers.
- Teachers' disciplinary proceedings.

Hannah provides ongoing training and legal advice to numerous local authorities in all areas of Education law; and in relation to associated Employment, Court of Protection and procurement proceedings. She advises local authorities preparing for- and responding to- Local Area SEND inspections carried out by Ofsted and the CQC; and was seconded part-time to Calderdale Council in 2017 to advise in this area.

Hannah writes articles for the Education Law Journal and writes for Lexis Nexis on SEN law. She was a speaker at the Jordans SEN Conference in 2017.

Notable Special Educational Needs & Disability (SEND) cases

O County Council v Parents of J

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ion of a Youth Court not to grant an
S, a child with autism and severe judicial review.



Appeared as junior alone in the Divisional Court, representing an interested party in a judicial review claim arising out of criminal proceedings.
Court of Protection
Hannah acts in both 'Health and Welfare' and 'Property and Affairs' cases; and is very familiar with the DOLS regime. Hannah's SEN practice makes her well-place to advise in cases concerning young adults with learning difficulties.
Notable Court of Protection cases
In the matter of JPR
Represented P's mother in proceedings brought the local authority in an effort to resolve a dispute as to the residence and contact arrangements that ought to be in place between P (a young man with profound learning difficulties) and his parents.
In the matter of LJB
Acted for the Applicants in a contested 'property and affairs' deputyship case. The Patient had advanced vascular dementia and no longer had capacity, within the meaning of the Mental Capacity Act 2005. The Objectors' were suspected of stealing from the Patient's estate and objected to the Applicants (the Patient's nature children) being granted deputyship. The Applicants were awarded deputyship and the Objectors' objections were dismissed.
Private Law Children
Hannah acts for parents in all types of child arrangements proceedings, including those involving fact-finding hearings. Hannah has significant experience of cases involving relocation and jurisdiction issues. Hannah is frequently instructed in applications for emergency remedies under Part IV of the Family Law Act 1996.
Notable Private Law Children cases
A v N (2020)
Instructed for the Mother in a jurisdiction dispute between the Scottish and English courts, before Lieven J.
N v N (2019)
Represented a mother in a three day finding of fact hearing concerning allegations of domestic violence and emotional harm.
Care
Hannah acts for parents, Local Authorities, Guardians and Interested Parties in Care proceedings. She is frequently instructed in cases involving high volumes of expert evidence or non-accidental injuries.

Notable Care cases



Re: X Child (2020)
Non-accidental injury case in which accused parent made counter-accusation that some of the child's injuries had been caused by the child's treating doctor in hospital. Represented the doctor, an Interested Party, instructed by his insurers. The doctor was removed from the pool of potential perpetrators after a 10 day finding of fact hearing. Involved cross-examining numerous medical experts.
Y Local Authority v R (2019)
Represented a local authority in a fourteen day final hearing in a learning difficulty/neglect case. Also successfully represented the local authority in a subsequer appeal brought one of the parents.
C Local Authority v K & K
Successfully represented a Local Authority in an eight day contested ICO application, where the First Respondent Mother was represented by a family Silk. Emotional harm case involving expert evidence from a clinical psychologist and highly unusual factual background.

## **Education**

- BPTC (Very Competent), Kaplan Law School (2010-2011)
- LLM Public International Law, Nottingham University (2009-2010)
- BA Law (Jurisprudence) (2:1), Jesus College, Oxford (2006-2009)