

## David Bedingfield

David Bedingfield has developed a speciality in children's rights and the international movement of children. He has also published extensively both in the United Kingdom and in the United States.

### Experience

Year of Call: 1991

### Practice Areas

- Court of Protection - Vulnerable Adult
- International Children Law
- Private Children Law
- Public Children Law

### Education

BA

Juris Doctor (Emory University, Atlanta)

### Appointments

Recorder 2009

### Profile

David Bedingfield has been published extensively, both here and in the United States, where he practised for 7 years before moving to the United Kingdom in 1990. His book *The Child in Need* (Jordan's 1997) was "an essential purchase for Guardians and other child care professionals." (Solicitor's Law Journal.) His text *Advocacy in Family Proceedings* (Family Law 2007) is in its second edition. The *New Law Journal* deemed the book "excellent. . . filled with illustrations and examples from sitting judges and other practitioners regarding effective advocacy techniques."

Mr. Bedingfield regularly appears for children and parents involved in international disputes. He is an adjunct professor at the Florida State University College of Law, teaching US Immigration Law and Family Law, and he often appears as an expert witness in care proceedings regarding the placement of children in the United States.

Mr. Bedingfield also regularly gives lectures to other legal professionals regarding the international movement of children, care proceedings, and advocacy techniques. He has represented local authorities, parents and children in numerous significant public law matters. He appeared for the appellant/child in *Re B (Children)* [2010] 1 FLR 1211, [2010] FCR 114, regarding the appropriate standard for the interim removal of children from the care of their birth parents. He appeared for the proposed



Special Guardian in the case of P-S (Children) [2018] EWCA Civ 1407, where the Court of Appeal gave guidance regarding Special Guardians and their role in care proceedings. He also appears regularly in judicial review proceedings regarding duties owed by Local Authorities to disabled children.

Mr Bedingfield was made a Recorder in 2009. He sits regularly in family, civil and criminal cases.

### Memberships

Family Law Bar Association  
State Bar of Georgia (Called 1983)

### Cases

18/06/2018	P-S (Children) (2018)	David Bedingfield	[2018] EWCA Civ 1407
18/06/2018	P-S (Children), Re	Deirdre Fottrell KC David Bedingfield	[2018] EWCA Civ 1407
02/05/2017	Re A (2017)	David Bedingfield	[2017] EWHC 1178 (Fam)
21/08/2014	Re F (A Child) (2014)	Jane Rayson Sally Bradley David Bedingfield	AC9201158
04/03/2014	Surrey CC v ME and Others [2014]	David Bedingfield Rob Littlewood	[2014] EWHC 489 (Fam)
23/09/2010	Re A (Children) [2010]	David Bedingfield	[2010] EWCA Civ 1490
25/11/2009	B (A Child) [2009]	Henry Setright KC David Bedingfield	[2010] 1 FLR 1211 : [2010] 1 FCR 114 : [2010] Fam Law 130 : (2009) 153(45) SJLB 28 : [2009] EWCA Civ 1254
28/06/2006	R (on the Application of Raines) v Orange Grove Foster Care Agency Ltd (2006)	David Bedingfield	[2006] EWHC 1887 (Admin)
08/10/1998	Re V : Re L (Minors) (Sexual Abuse: Disclosure) (1998)	David Bedingfield	(1999) 1 WLR 299 : (1999) 1 FLR 267 : Times, October 9, 1998
11/02/1998	Re H (A Minor) (Application to remove from jurisdiction) (1998)	David Bedingfield	(1998) FLR 848
31/07/1997	Re V : Re L (Minors) (Sexual Abuse: Disclosure) (1997)	David Bedingfield	AC0791197
20/06/1996	L v London Borough of Bexley (1996)	David Bedingfield	(1996) 2 FLR 595