

Lucy Cheetham

Frequently instructed by local authorities in care proceedings for whom she offers an efficient and co-operative service, with well-judged advice, Lucy also represents parents and guardians in children disputes with both sensitivity and diligence.

Experience

Year of Call: 1999

Practice Areas

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

Education

BA (Hons) (Cantab)

Profile

Lucy's busy practice primarily focuses on all aspects of public law children work. She has extensive experience of complex cases involving allegations of serious inflicted injuries, sexual abuse, as well as emotional abuse and neglect.

Lucy worked in the Court of Appeal as a Judicial Assistant to Dame Elizabeth Butler-Sloss and to Lord Justice Thorpe from April to July 2002. She was the first family specialist to hold the appointment.

Lucy assisted the Advisory Committee which produced the Protocol for Judicial Case Management in Public Law Children Act Cases in 2003.

Lucy was a member of the Law Reform Committee of the Bar Council as a family specialist between 2007-2009. She was also the Secretary of the Committee for the Centre for Child and Family Law Reform from 2004 until 2014; the Centre is affiliated to City University, with representation from the judiciary, the legal profession and academia, and has undertaken projects on forced marriages, tax reform for co-habitees, youth justice, secure accommodation, and was recently instrumental in the introduction of Binding Arbitration in family law.

Memberships

Family Law Bar Association
Gray's Inn
Association of Lawyers for Children



Cases

15/05/2020	A Local Authority v The Mother & Ors (2020)	Cyrus Larizadeh KC Joy Brereton KC Lucy Cheetham	[2020] EWHC 1233 (Fam)
20/07/2017	Re B (Children) (2017)	Lucy Cheetham	[2017] EWCA Civ 1051
20/10/2006	Re D (Paternity)	Private: Jonathan Cohen QC Teertha Gupta KC Lucy Cheetham	FLR 2007 2 26