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Ceri White

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Legal 500, 2024

Experience

Year of Call: 2002

Practice Areas

- Court of Protection Vulnerable Adult
- Inquests and Inquiries
- International Children Law
- Private Children Law
- Public Children Law

Dispute Resolution

Collaborative Law

Direct Access

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Education

(BA Hons) Somerville College Oxford, Modern History Diploma in Law University of Westminster BVC Inns of Court School of Law

Profile

Ceri is a specialist children's practitioner, whose practice covers all areas of children law, including contact/residence disputes, public inquiries and complex public law proceedings. . Clients speak highly of her robust and well prepared advocacy. She has an approachable manner and a willingness to always fight the client's corner, whilst at the same time offering practical, sensible advice.

Ceri represents parents, children and their Guardians, local authorities and CAFCASS Legal and appears in cases involving, for example, allegations of sexual abuse, non-accidental injury, intractable contact disputes and factitious illness. Ceri has a particular interest in acting for older children who are separately represented. She appears in all levels of Court, including the Court of Appeal, and has many



reported cases.

As junior counsel to the Isle of Man Inquiry into the Care of Young People, Ceri has specific expertise in Inquiry work. She acted in both part I and II of the Inquiry and spent a year working on the case, led by Alex Verdan OC.

Ceri is a collaboratively trained lawyer and also undertakes direct access cases.

Ceri writes for a variety of publications, including Family Law Week and the New Law Journal.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Ceri worked in Parliament for many years, which included working for the Home Secretary and running the Parliamentary Office of the then minister with responsibility for social services. She maintains a keen interest in political reform in respect of children's law.

Memberships

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

Directories

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'Ceri's breadth of experience on complex medical issues, in particular neurodiversity allows her to have an insight into cases which allows her to be an authority at court and clients to feel understood and empowered. She has superb demeanour, and her holistic approach to cutting through issues works to great effect.'

Legal 500, 2023

'Has a manner that means even the most difficult or complex advice can be easily digested by clients. Ceri has a warm yet robust approach that clients appreciate and respect.'

Legal 500, 2021

'Is a fierce fighter who will leave no stone unturned and goes full out for her clients; she is easy to work with and always knows a case inside out.'

Legal 500, 2020

Cases

26/03/2021	AB v CD	Ceri White Andrew Powell Alison Grief KC Rebecca Foulkes Harry Langford	[2021] EWHC 741 (Fam)
11/06/2015	Re M'P-P (Children) (2015)	Ceri White	2015] EWCA Civ 584
09/07/2014	Re J-A (Children) (2014)	Ceri White	[2014] EWCA Civ 936