

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Profile.

Currently running a bespoke Solicitors practice offering Family, Divorce, Childcare, and Adult legal advice. Also undertaken Locum contracts for Local Authorities and Solicitors such as: Nottingham City Council, Staffordshire County Council, Wirral Borough Council, North Lincolnshire Council as Locum Principal Solicitor dealing with Child and Adult care, Lincolnshire County Council, Suffolk County Council, Dagenham & Barking and Medway Council. Experience covers from initial instruction to final hearing including where appropriate advocacy in the Magistrates and County Courts. Work covered from public funded and private client matters. Called to the Bar in November 1995 by Lincoln's Inn after the BVC and a Law degree from Exeter University, now a practicing Solicitor.

Experience Private Family Law

From initial contact to final decree and consent order. To acting for private individuals in divorces up to a value of 17 million. Dealing with business valuation upon separation, instructing forensic accountants to provide valuations for pensions and business assets, to preparing court papers for financial settlement at all stages of court and including briefs to counsel to act for clients. To negotiating settlements. Attending initial Financial Dispute Resolution hearings to final hearings. Have experience of dealing with inter country divorce and financial assets from Iraq, Thailand and Germany.

Dealing with Private law children act disputes between parents, from initial instructions, statements and evidence collection, initial hearings to final hearings and where appropriate instructing and briefing counsel for multi day hearings. Have dealt with child abduction to Ireland including hearings to obtain return of the child save for High Court when counsel instructed.

Dealing with pre and post nuptial agreements, from initial instructions to completed agreements.

Experience of dealing with legal aid and private law clients.

Experience Public Law children act matters.

Acting for parents from initial instruction by parents, initial hearings through to final hearings within legal aid after Local Authority application to remove client's children. Have accepted clients on two hours' notice to appear before County Court Circuit Judge to contest Local Authority initial removal hearing. To advising on grounds of appeal.

All aspect of Local Authority childcare protection from advising pre proceedings to issue of proceedings, appearing at all hearings up to final hearing save for multi day final hearings briefed out to counsel. To advising on grounds of appeal.

Other experience.

Have experience of advising and setting up Lasting Powers of Attorney, Local Authority financial assessments for family contributions to Adult Care Home contributions, advising and challenging assessments and dealing with Capacity issues and the Court of Protection paperwork to instruction of counsel.

Notable cases

FGM - High Court London for Staffordshire County Council 2016
RE G (ADOPTION: PLACEMENT OUTSIDE JURISDICTION) [2008] EWCA Civ 105
For Cornwall County Council

Education.

Solicitor – called 17 October 2005.

Barrister – Grade “Competent” Council of Legal Education School of Law.

LLB (Hons) – Grade “IP” Exeter University, Exeter, Devon.

Employment History

Nov 2025 – Feb 2026	Emsleys Solicitors, Leeds – 3 days per week. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Private law children, divorce and financial settlement.
July 2025 – ongoing	Dunham Guest & Lyons Solicitors – Cannock 4 days a week <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Private law children, divorce and financial settlement.
Aug 2024 – Dec 2025	M & B Solicitors and Barristers – Cardiff part-time <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Private and Public law children, divorce and financial settlements.
Aug 2024 – March 2025	FDC Law Solicitors – Bristol part-time <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Private law children, divorce and financial settlement
July 2024 to end July 2024	Finchley Legal - Nelson, Lancashire and Porto Bella Solicitors – Bradford <ul style="list-style-type: none">• total 5 days per week – public and private childcare, divorce and financial settlements covering bereavement leave.
June 2024 to June 2024	Oglethorpe Sturton & Gillibrand – Lancaster. (2-week contact) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Private law children, divorce and financial settlement.
Nov 2023 to Feb 2024	TMJ Legal Services – Hartlepool – Head of Family covering sick leave. All family matters, Divorce, Financial settlement, Public and Private Law (Private and Public funded clients)
April 2010 to date	I.J.B.H. Limited - Advocates & Solicitors – own firm. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Director / Solicitor - Family, Divorce, Childcare, Adult .
July 2023 to July 2024	Pilgrim Hope Solicitors – Standish <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consultant Family Solicitor – Divorce, financial settlement Private Children Act cases.
Aug 2022 to Dec 2022	Battens – Yeovil <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public & Private Law Childcare for parents & Guardian
Sept 2020 May 2024	Waddington's Solicitors Burnley <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Law Childcare – Locum part time.
Aug 2021 Dec 2021	Bury MBC <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Law Childcare – Locum
May 2020 to Sept 2020	Nyland & Beattie Solicitors Widens <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Family Law, Public & Private Childcare
June 2019 to Aug 2019	Nottingham City Council <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Law Childcare Locum
Nov 2015 to Apr 2016	Staffordshire County Council <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Law Childcare Locum
Feb 2015 to May 2015	Wirral Borough Council. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Law Childcare Locum
Apr 2013 to Aug 2013	North Lincolnshire Council <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Principal Solicitor Adult & Child Care matters.
Oct 2012 to Dec 2012	Lincolnshire County Council <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Law Childcare Locum and trainer
May 2012 to Oct 2012	Suffolk County Council <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Law Childcare Locum.
April 2012	Barking & Dagenham Council <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Law Childcare Advocate Locum.
July 2011 to Mar 2012	Medway Council <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Law Childcare Locum.
Jun 2011 to July 2011	Hertfordshire County Council <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Law Childcare Locum - holiday cover
Mar 2011 to May 2011	Lewisham Council <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Law Childcare Locum.
May 2010 to Mar 2011	Brighton & Hove City Council <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Law Childcare Locum.
Feb 2010 to April 2010	York City Council <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Law Childcare Locum.
Nov 2009 to Feb 2010.	Surrey County Council

July 2009 to Sept 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Law Childcare Locum.
June 2009	Swansea Council
Mar 2009 to May 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Law Childcare Locum.
Jun 2008 to Feb 2009	Wiltshire County Council
May 2008 to Jun 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Law Childcare Locum.
Oct 2007 to Apr 2008	Kent County Council
Jul 2007 to Oct 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Law Childcare Locum.
May 2007 to Jul 2007	Northumberland County Council
Apr 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Law Childcare Locum.
Feb 2007 to Mar 2007	North Tyneside Council.
Jun 2006 to Feb 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Law Childcare Locum.
Mar 2006 to Jun 2006	Thurrock Borough Council
Oct 2005 to April 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Law Childcare Locum.
Jan 2004 to Sep 2005.	Cornwall County Council
June 2003 – Dec 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Law Childcare Locum.
May 2002 – May 2003	Kirklees Council
Sept 2001 - April 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Law Childcare Locum.
July 2001 - Sept 2001	Peterborough City Council.
Nov 2000 - Jun 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Law Childcare Locum.
June 1999 - Sept 2000	Bury MBC
Nov 1995 - June 1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Law Childcare Locum
Oct 1994 – July 1995	Lancashire County Council
Oct 1991 – July 1994	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Law Childcare Locum
February 2026	Birmingham County Council

Chua's Solicitors – Consultant.

- Personal Injury, Motoring Offences, Employment

Family, Divorce, Childcare

Robin F Clark & Co (Solicitors) Kent - Fee Earner

- Family, Childcare, Employment. Personal Injury and, General Litigation

Stephens & Son (Solicitors) Chatham, Kent - Fee Earner

- Family, Childcare -

Brar & Co (Solicitors), Newcastle upon Tyne. Fee Earner

- Civil Litigation, Criminal, Family, Childcare, and
- Personal Injury

IBH Associates Limited, Kent.

Company Management.

Ascot Lawyers, Ascot, London - Fee Earner
(Locum position 5 weeks)

- Personal Injury, Motoring Offences, Employment

Goldbergs, (Solicitors), Plymouth, Devon - Fee Earner

- Personal Injury

White Dalton Partnership, (Solicitors), Dunstable, Beds.
Fee Earner

- Personal Injury, Family, Motoring Offences, Employment

City & Islington College, London - Part-time law lecturer.

Inn's of Court School of Law

Exeter University, Devon