

Year of Call: 2009

Practice Areas: Crime, Family,

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Profile

Lisa has a mixed family and criminal law practice. Prior to qualifying at the Bar she worked in a solicitor's firm where she provided advice and subsequent representation at court. The legal and advocacy experience gained laid the foundations for her career at the Bar.

Lisa is increasingly in demand being popular with both solicitors and clients; her friendly and personable approach lends itself well to her practice. She is conscious of the challenges in effective representation of lay parties and is always willing to have the opportunity to meet her clients in conference should they wish to discuss the case before attending court.

Family Law

In relation to her family practice, Lisa has experience in a wide range of private law proceedings acting for parents, grandparents, other extended family members and children with party status. She is frequently involved in cases dealing with significant allegations of domestic violence and allegations of non-accidental injuries against children. Miss Wilson also increasingly represents clients in cases involving international elements including applications to remove children from the jurisdiction as well as seeking the return of children wrongfully removed.

As part of her family practice, Lisa advises on issues of law and case management both in writing and in conferences and represents clients at all stages of the case and at all levels of the family court. She is regularly instructed to draft documents in the case including case summaries, skeleton arguments and advice on appeal.

Lisa also represents clients in public law family work. She frequently represents parents and guardians in cases where the Local Authority seeks removal of children from their parents care.

Criminal Law

Lisa criminal practice sees her accepting instructions for both the prosecution and defence. She also regularly represents the National Probation Service dealing with breaches of community based sentences.

Lisa has built up a specialist practice dealing with road traffic offences and regularly accepts instructions defending clients charged with dangerous driving, drink driving, drug driving, and speeding. She confidently deals with Exceptional Hardship applications and Special Reasons Hearings.

Direct Access Qualified



Lisa is authorised by the Bar Council to undertake work under the Public Access rules. She is happy to accept instructions direct from lay parties to appear in court and provide advice in conference when a lay party is not eligible for public funding and who would otherwise have to represent themselves. She also accepts instructions direct from a lay party who has been invited by the court to intervene in care proceedings where there has been an injury to a child. Such people are often not eligible for public funding but need the help of an experienced barrister to represent them at a contested hearing when allegations of a serious nature are made against them.

Details about Chambers' Direct Access Team can be found here:<http://cobdendirect.co.uk/cobdendirect/>

Membership

Northern Circuit
Family Law Bar Association
Child Concern