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About

Richard has a common law practice, specialising in family and criminal law. He also has a particular expertise in rent/mortgage possession proceedings. FAMILY LAW Richard is an experienced family advocate at all levels up to and including the High Court, with a practice that includes both public and private child law as well as matrimonial work. In private law cases he has a wealth of experience across the spectrum, dealing with issues of contact and residence, including issues of removal from the jurisdiction, and internal/international relocation. He has acted for relatives in applications for special guardianship orders. He is particularly well regarded for his ability in lengthy fact finding hearings, drawing on his criminal advocacy skills in this most adversarial area of child law. He has considerable experience in public law work, with an emphasis on care proceedings. Primarily he has acted for parents against Local Authorities. Many such cases have begun life in the Family Proceedings Court but have been subsequently transferred to the Principal Registry owing to length and/or complexity. They have covered a range of issues from physical abuse including cultural chastisement cases and non-accidental injuries through to sexual abuse and neglect. He has considerable experience of cross-examining experts across the whole spectrum of child care cases. He deals with cases where possible from the commencement of proceedings through to trial in both simple and complex cases as he understands the reassurance clients take from continuity of counsel throughout. This of course includes a considerable amount of drafting, both of submissions, applications, skeleton arguments and orders. He also appears in divorce proceedings, including financial relief on divorce/judicial separation from first appointments through to final hearings and interventions by the Queens Proctor. He also is experienced in applying for/defending applications for injunctions (non-molestation /occupation /prohibited steps orders etc) including fact finding hearings. CRIMINAL LAW Richard regularly prosecutes in the crown court in all areas of crime, either as a led junior or appearing alone. Such work includes CPS instruction in relation to sexual and violent offences (robbery, S.18 GBH), child cruelty and firearms offences as well as drug supply and importation, fraud and firearms offences. He also prosecutes on behalf of the probation service and the vehicle inspectorate.

His defence practice is similarly varied, including serious sexual offences such as rape, violent offences (affray, robbery, GBH, arson etc), multi-handed cases involving drug importation and fraud, firearms offences. He also has defended in a number of cases involving trademark/copyright infringement. He has a particular specialty in mental health cases (insanity at the time of the offence/ lacking mens rea etc). He has also appeared in the Court of Appeal.

MORTGAGE-RENT/POSSESSION PROCEEDINGS Richard has acted for both claimants and defendants in possession proceedings both private and legal aid, from short applications to fully contested hearings.

Practice Areas

- Criminal Law
- Family Law

Languages

- English

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