



## Carrie Mason

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## Overview

Carrie is instructed by solicitors across the UK and internationally. Carrie is known for her attention to details and an excellent client rapport. She consistently receives positive feedback from both her lay clients and instructing solicitors. She has experience of representing parents, guardians and third parties (such as grandparents) and is frequently instructed in cases where the parties are very acrimonious and difficult.

Having qualified as an Arbitrator in the Children Scheme with the Institute of Family Law Arbitrators (IFLA), Carrie is a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb) and she welcomes instructions to act as the Arbitrator in children cases or to represent clients at arbitrations.

Carrie joined 3PB in 2012 and prior to that was a tenant in a South Wales based chambers. Prior to that, she worked in a large Solicitors firm as the principal associate and Advocate. She is regularly instructed to attend the Family Court and the High Court concerning private children proceedings. Carrie has acted for parents, grandparents, children and local authorities.

Before joining the Bar, Carrie was a qualified Orthopaedic Nurse which gives her exceptional insight and understanding when dealing with people at all levels in difficult situations, particularly involving physical and emotional harm and those unusual cases involving medical experts.

Carrie is known for her approachable, client-focused progressive manner with a view to concluding the proceedings efficiently at the earliest stage. Carrie is able to assist with complex cases, high profile clients, change of live with orders and some of the most serious alienation cases. Carrie offers a reassuring, yet confident approach to her clients in these often difficult and sensitive cases.

She has conducted serious non-accidental injury matters in private law matters before the high Court and her experience in public children proceedings proves an invaluable asset to cases with such elements. Carrie also has experience in relation to cases that include intractable child arrangement disputes, parental alienation, mental health difficulties, and issues involving children and families generally on separation and beyond.

Carrie is an accomplished negotiator communicates effectively with her opponents and the judiciary to achieve the desired result. She strives to achieve the best possible result for her clients.

She is also HR & Operations Director and legal adviser to Porsche Club GB. Carrie is a keen motorsport enthusiast and particularly enjoys her own track days and road trips. She enjoys travel and occasionally skiing. Carrie is also a qualified BSAC Ocean Diver.

## **Academic qualifications**

- University of Wales (BSc (First Class) Computing)
- University of Glamorgan (PG Dip Law)
- University of West of England (BVC (Very Competent)).

## **Direct Access**

Carrie Mason is qualified to accept instructions directly from members of the public and professional clients under the Direct Public Access scheme.

# Expertise

## Family

Carrie accepts instructions in all public and private child law matters. She has experience of representing local authorities, parents, guardians and third parties (such as grandparents) and is frequently instructed in cases where the parties are very acrimonious and difficult.

Carrie offers a reassuring, yet confident approach to her clients in these often difficult and sensitive matters. She regularly appears in the Family Proceeding Court, County Court and High Court in care cases, involving a range of issues including:

- Non-accidental Injuries
- Sexual Abuse Allegations
- Interveners, Adoption
- Emergency Procedures
- Child Abduction
- Jurisdiction
- Residence and Contact
- Domestic Violence
- Substance Abuse

Before joining the Bar, Carrie was a qualified Orthopedic Nurse which gives her exceptional insight and understanding when dealing with matters involving physical and sexual abuse, neglect, emotional harm and those cases involving medical experts.

Carrie also has experience in relation to cases that include capacity, mental health difficulties, and drug and alcohol-related problems involving children and families generally. Carrie has shown a particular aptitude to those matters involving younger parents including minors and all manner of abuse cases (physical and sexual).