

Legal 500, Leading Junior, 2024

‘Lisa is fantastically experienced and an obviously safe pair of hands in complex, highly-sensitive child law cases. She has a straightforward, pragmatic, and sensible approach to difficult cases, and her style of advocacy commands the confidence of judges and counsel alike.’



Chambers and Partners Ranked 1 in UK Bar 2023: Family: Children Profile

Lisa Edmunds is one of the North-West’s leading family law barristers. She brings over two decades of experience and expertise in high-level and complex cases. Lisa has the ability to bring strategic planning and goal-setting skills to cases and has proven value as a strategic advisor. She has a reputation for being tough and tenacious in the courtroom however, recognises that all clients and cases are different and sometimes alternative approaches are needed to achieve the end result. Lisa has a proven ability to work collaboratively within a multi-disciplinary group. Lisa is direct access qualified and also offers Early Neutral Evaluation appointments.

Her mission is simple – to get the best possible result for you in the courtroom. Lisa travels around the country appearing at all levels of the Family Court. She undertakes work in all aspects of relationship breakdowns but specialises in cases relating to children and finances. Lisa prides herself on providing outstanding service for her clients.

What makes her unique is that she has been through it herself; a messy divorce, involving 4 children, and she came out the other side – happy, healthy, and focused – so she knows what it takes!

Qualifications

2001 - 2002 | Manchester Metropolitan University | BVC | Outstanding
1998 - 2001 | University of Central Lancashire | LLB (Hons) Law | 2:1

Professional Experience

Legal

2020 - Present | Head of Chambers and Senior Consultant Barrister, Unit Chambers
2016 - 2020 | Chavasse Court Chambers, Liverpool
2005 - 2016 | 7 Harrington Street Chambers, Liverpool
2002 - 2005 | Nicholas Street Chambers, Chester

Non-Legal

2020 - Present | CEO of Unit Chambers
2014 - Present | Organiser of various business, social and CPD events
2013 - 2014 | Cancer Research - event organiser
2008 - 2010 | Trustee of Homestart UK



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Memberships

- Member of the Inner Temple
- Member of the FLBA
- Member of Resolution
- Member of Advocate Northern Circuit
- Member of the Association of Lawyers for Children

Awards & Nominations

- Chambers & Partners Ranked 1 in UK Bar 2023: Family: Children
- Legal 500, Leading Junior, 2024
- Finalist at Manchester Legal Awards for Junior Barrister of the Year 2023 & 2024
- Finalist at Liverpool Law Society Awards for Outstanding Barrister of the Year
- Finalist at Lexis Nexis Family Law Awards 2022 and 2023 for Junior Barrister of the Year

Training

FLBA Vulnerable Witness Training Course

Hobbies

Passionate about sport and exercise. Enjoys cooking and travel.

Reported Cases

- A Local Authority v A and Others [2023] EWFC 34
- A Local Authority v AA and XY [2022] EWFC 153
- The Local Authority v C & F [2022] EWFC 152 (04 July 2022)
- GC v AS (No.2) [2022] EWHC 310 (Fam) (09 February 2022)
- Local Authority v A, B and D [2022] EWFC 23 (18 January 2022)
- Warrington Borough Council v W (Care Proceedings: Jurisdiction) [2021] EWFC 68 (31 August 2021)
- YW (A Child) (Adequacy of Reasons) (Rev1) [2021] EWCA Civ 1174 (30 July 2021)
- Re F and G [2021] EWCA Civ 622
- Re A (Child Abduction: Art 13(b)) [2021] EWCA 328
- Warrington Borough Council v TN (Care Proceedings: Comity) [2020] EWFC 79
- A Local Authority v W & Ors (Finding of Fact Hearing) [2020] EWFC 68
- A Local Authority v W and Ors (Application for Summary Dismissal of Findings) [2020] EWFC 40
- Re D (A Child) [2019] EWCA Civ 2302
- Re S-L (Children: Adjournment) [2019] EWCA Civ 1571
- Re C (A Child) [2008] EWCA Civ 502
- Re T (Children) Appellant [2023] EWCA Civ 1004*
- Re T (Interim Care Order: Arrangements for Contact) [2024] EWCA Civ 469
- A Mother v A Father [2024] EWHC 1313 (Fam) (01 March 2024)

*Did not appear at hearing as unavailable but prepared all documentation (incl advice and skeleton argument) to secure permission to appeal.

What clients say about Lisa

"Lisa and the team at Unit Chambers were outstanding from start to finish. Lisa was always there for me at every step of the way. She worked on my case quickly and with the video conferencing tools available, we were able to stay close and it felt like a very 'personal' service. Would highly recommend."

"Lisa is passionate about her clients and she went above and beyond in our case. Our only regret is that we didn't find her sooner! She is amazing and we cannot thank her enough for her hard work and commitment to us. We had been suffering for a long time with the "system" seemingly working against us. As a result of Lisa's hard work, preparation and persuasion we now feel in a great place and got the result we wanted."

"Lisa and the team put an end to years of stress and sleepless nights. They were simply brilliant and as a result I've now got my life back on track. I'll be forever grateful."

"I had this 'stuffy image' of barristers but Lisa is down to earth, very personal and most importantly she did what she said she was going to do at all stages of the process. Would highly recommend."

"Lisa has the right balance between sympathetic and authoritative. She appraised the situation, facts and documentation very rapidly and was able to quickly cut through and grasp the technical legal points. Her communication, explanations and action made the difference and we feel very fortunate to have found her."

"Never before have I been contacted in the days preceding a hearing by a barrister with the aim of giving help and support in relation to the practicalities of an upcoming hearing. It so happened that the case involved the use of a remote platform, so to be contacted in advance in such a pleasant and civilised way was for me a completely new and most welcome experience. Your thoughtful and kind approach made a real difference, and I greatly appreciated it."

"I confirm that I have worked with Lisa Edmunds on numerous occasions over the years and I have no hesitation in confirming that the work she has carried out on behalf of clients has always been of excellent quality. Her commitment to her clients is above and beyond. She has great understanding of her client's needs and enormous empathy. She has wonderful people skills and can communicate with people from all walks of life and treats them all the same. Lisa will leave no stone unturned and always tries her hardest with every single client. I have no hesitation in recommending Lisa and it is one of the reasons I continue to work with and instruct her. I have great admiration and respect for her."

Discover more testimonials and reviews [here](#).

Why

Lisa's passion and desire to get the right outcome for families stems from when she was 14 and her parents went through a difficult divorce – according to them she has been a fairly skilled barrister and negotiator from a very young age! Add in nearly 20-years of operating at the highest level where she has seen and heard it all. She has learnt that the real issues are not usually about the paperwork and the process – they tend to be about people, relationships and doing the right thing. That's why she will always make it a priority to focus on the points that are going to matter to get the best possible result for you.

What

Lisa is a specialist advocate with nearly two decades of experience in representing clients in court. Her expertise lie both in arguing a case and in cross examining witnesses at trial. In addition, she is often asked to prepare complex legal documents and advise on difficult and sensitive issues. Lisa specialises in the following areas:

- All complex children cases (including experience in all aspects of international relocation and abduction as well as experience with surrogacy and modern families)
- Financial Remedies (with a particular interest in Schedule 1 applications)