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Natalia Escoriza specialises in family law and undertakes all aspects of family work.

Following her MSc in Social and Political Theory at Edinburgh University and a period of postgraduate tutoring and research, Natalia turned to law and was called to the Bar in 2002.

In 2012 Natalia was appointed as a member of the Calderdale Education Appeals Panel, and is a qualified civil and commercial mediator.

Natalia is frequently listed in the Legal 500 as a leading individual for Family Law.

## Family

### Public Law

Undertakes a significant amount of public law work, which includes physical and sexual abuse of children, mental health issues, drug and alcohol abuse, Special Guardianship applications and adoption representing all parties at all levels of proceedings, and deals with applications including those for:

- Adoption

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- Care Orders
- Supervision Orders
- Special Guardianship
- Placement
- Revocation of Public Law Orders
- S19(14) Orders
- Designation of Appropriate Local Authority

Natalia's calm approach and detailed preparation make her very popular with solicitors representing disadvantaged clients.

## Private Law

Natalia's practice covers all aspects of private law children work, including the following:

- Applications for Child Arrangement Orders
- Prohibited Steps and Specific Issue Applications
- Parental Responsibility Applications
- Schedule 1 Children Act Applications
- Cases where the children are separately represented
- Removal from the jurisdiction
- Cases involving applications to the International Child Abduction Unit for return of children from outside the jurisdiction.
- Cases with a "foreign element".

In both public and private law, she has extensive experience of dealing with cases involving the following:

- Allegations of physical, sexual and emotional abuse
- Allegations of domestic violence
- Complicated findings of fact hearings with multiple potential perpetrators
- One or more party with mental health issues
- One or more party with drug and alcohol abuse issues
- Parties who are from outside of the jurisdiction
- Parties who do not have English as a first language and require an interpreter.

## Ancillary Relief

In addition to children work, represents clients in mainly small and medium-sized money cases, covering all stages of the ancillary relief proceedings, from first appointment through to final hearing, including interim applications for financial provision.

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## Injunctive Proceedings

All areas of injunctive work are undertaken, including applications for:

- Non-Molestation Orders
- Occupation Orders

## Court of Protection

Natalia accepts instructions in Court of Protection matters.

## Representative Cases

- *Birmingham City Council v R [2007] 1 FLR 564*  
Assisted Michael Harrison QC during his involvement with this case in the interim stages, and represented the Local Authority at an interim directions hearing.
- *Re AZ (Child) (Relocation to Poland) [2016] EWFC 8*  
Application to permanently remove child from the jurisdiction. Consideration of principles in Re F, and the need for CAFCASS to conduct a sufficiently balanced ('holistic') welfare analysis when addressing issues in respect of relocation.

## What the directories say

'Her practice covers the full spectrum of family law matters.'

*Legal 500 2018*

"Experienced in a wide range of family law matters."

*Legal 500 2017*

"She is always well prepared and gives realistic advice."

*Legal 500 2016*

"Her wide-ranging practice covers all aspects of public and private children law, and financial remedies."

*Legal 500 2015*

"Respected for all aspects of family law, including public and private law children cases."

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*Legal 500 2014*

"Recommended for difficult cases involving children."

*Legal 500 2013*

"Covers the full spectrum of family law."

*Legal 500 2012*

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## Appointments & Memberships

Bar Pro Bono Unit

Family Law Bar Association

Free Representation Unit

Jules Thorn Scholarship, Middle Temple (2001)

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