

# Tim Parker

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Tim is a barrister, arbitrator and mediator specialising in family law, inquests and the Court of Protection.

## Areas of Expertise

### Public Law Children

Tim's public law child practice concentrates on proceedings involving fatality, non-accidental injury and sexual abuse. In addition he advises on Human Rights Act claims arising from family proceedings, deprivation of liberty applications, special guardianship, placement or relocation of children overseas, foreign adoptions, judicial review of local authority decisions and forced marriages. Tim is instructed by most local authorities in the Greater London area, favoured for his experience in complex cases and understanding of the challenges faced by public sector clients. Tim is a popular choice acting for parents and guardians in care proceedings, noted for his skilled analysis of factual and medical evidence in cases of alleged non-accidental injury.

### Notable Public Law Children cases

#### Re A Local Authority v The Mother & Ors

[2020] EWHC 1233 (Fam), High Court, Williams J Fact-finding hearing concerning the death of a child due to cocaine ingestion

#### Re C (Children) (Covid-19: Representation)

[2020] EWCA Civ 734, Court of Appeal, Peter Jackson, Eleanor King and Asplin LJJ Analysis of Covid 19 regulations, effect upon representation and Article 6 rights.

#### [Re A \(No. 2\) \(Children: Findings of Fact\) \[2019\] EWCA Civ 1947](#)

Appeal against findings made of sexual assault and homicide in respect of a 10 year old girl found deceased in her bedroom with neck and genital injuries. The Court of Appeal remitted the case for an unprecedented third fact-finding hearing before a (third) High Court judge.

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## Private Law Children

Tim is instructed in private law disputes between parents, often instructed on behalf of children's guardians in the more complex or intractable cases.

Tim qualified as an Arbitrator to conduct children cases in 2016. As such he is a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and accredited by the Institute of Family Law Arbitrators. The majority Child Arrangement Order disputes are capable of resolution through arbitration. Tim can be appointed as arbitrator to adjudicate in children disputes or in the alternative to represent parties to arbitration.

## Financial Remedy

Tim has undertaken financial remedy work throughout his career at the Bar. He has expertise in all financial remedy applications connected to divorce, civil partnership and co-habitee disputes including applications under Children Act 1989 Schedule 1.

Tim qualified as a Family Law Arbitrator, Tim is a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and listed by the Institute of Family Law Arbitrators. Tim can be appointed as arbitrator to adjudicate in financial remedy disputes or in the alternative to represent parties to arbitration.

## Inquests

Tim has been instructed in a number of inquests on behalf of families and other interested parties. In 2020 he was instructed by a Care Commissioning Group in a series of 4 deaths arising from eating disorders and most recently acted for a local authority in an Article 2 inquest concerning the death of a child in care.

## Court of Protection

Tim has been involved in a large number of cases concerning vulnerable adults and children in care proceedings as well as financial remedy cases. He acts for all parties in the Court of Protection and has a particular understanding of the interaction between the Court of Protection and the Family Court.

## Notable Court of Protection cases

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Re M [2018] EWCOP 4

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Tim was instructed in this appeal on behalf of the applicant deputy. The appeal considered issues of disclosure and procedure in consecutive Family Court and Court of Protection Proceedings. Following this appeal P regained capacity and the deputy sought permission to withdraw proceedings which was unsuccessfully opposed by members of P's family at a fully contested High Court hearing.

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## Education

- BA (Hons) University College London
- CPE Westminster University

## Memberships

- Family Law Bar Association
- CoP Bar Association
- Association of Lawyers for Children
- South Eastern Circuit

## Appointments

- Arbitrator (MCI Arb)
- Mediator

## Awards

**RANKED IN**  
**Chambers**  
**UK Bar**  
**2022**

**Timothy Parker**

