

Margaret Sweeting

Call 1996

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EXPERTISE

Family

Children (Public and Private Law) Litigation, including domestic violence and non-accidental injury cases.

Margaret's thriving family law practice reflects her commitment to her clients. Margaret has significant expertise in public law work and private law disputes; particularly those with a medical dimension.

EDUCATION

- Newcastle upon Tyne School of Nursing (R.G.N Certificate)
- Nottingham Trent University LLB 2:1
- Kings College University London MA Medical Law and Ethics
- Inns of Court Bar Vocational course.

CAREER PROFILE

- 1997 – Present practising Barrister
- 1994 – NHS Customer Relations Manager
- 1993 – Action against Medical Accidents Caseworker
- 1989 – Registered General Nurse



Expertise

Family – Public Law & Children

Regulatory

LEADING JUNIOR

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2026

Clerking team



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What Others Say

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Family: Children and Domestic Abuse, Legal 500 2026

"Margaret is always very well prepared, and is particularly good with vulnerable clients. She provides realistic advice."

Legal 500 2023

"Ms Sweeting is always very well prepared, is very good with clients particularly ones who have difficulties with communicating due to mental health problems or learning difficulties. Clients always feel that their case was put as well as it could have been even when the outcome is not the one they wanted. As a solicitor I feel Ms Sweeting works with me and that we are a team and I think this is clear to clients who as a result feel well supported"

Legal 500 2021

"A tenacious advocate who leaves no stone unturned"

Legal 500 2020

"A barrister to have in your corner during a fight"

Legal 500 2019

Notable Cases

Re PW [2014] ALL ER (D) 19 Mar

Re PW [2014] ALL ER (D) 19 Mar. Committal Application re Breach of Court Order. Regarding contact with PW – whether M's sentence should be enforced or deferred. Acting for M (the Respondent) who, under the influence of alcohol had repeatedly breached contact orders. The Court of Protection deciding that there had been a serious breach of the Court Order, the suspended sentence should not be activated.