
Timothy Hanson

Family Law CV

Timothy Hanson has a wealth of experience in this area of Law.

Throughout his time as a family and child barrister at St Philips chambers (1989-2001) he appeared in courts at all levels: Family Proceedings Court; County Court; High Court and Court of Appeal.

He represented local authorities, children, guardians and parents in all forms of public law and private law proceedings including care & secure accommodation orders.

Local authorities that he represented included:

- Birmingham City Council
- Coventry City Council;
- Northampton County Council
- Sandwell & Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council
- Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council
- Warwickshire County Council
- Wolverhampton Metropolitan Borough Council
- Worcestershire County Council

Additionally, he represented the Official Solicitor and National Youth Advocacy Service (NYAS)

Since founding his own practice in 2005, he has continued to act in children cases (both private and public law) for children, guardians and parents.

Cases Include:

Reported English cases include:

Re: H (Residence Order: Child's Application for Leave) [2000] FLR 780 (High Court) – a novel point upon the interpretation of the Children Act 1989 relating to the ability of a child to be represented and participate in proceedings fought out by that child's family. This case further resolved previous conflicting decisions of the High Court.

Re: R (A Child: Identification Restrictions) [2000] 2 FLR 751 (High Court) – concerned the disclosure of documents by Local Authorities.

Re: C (Secure Accommodation Order) [2001] EWCA CIV 458, [2001] 2 FLR 16 (Court of Appeal) – important case as to the rights of children in applications by local authorities to place them in secure accommodation. The case is commented upon by J.Masson "Securing Human Rights for Children & Young People in Secure Accommodation" 14 Child and Family Law Quarterly 77; J.Fortin "Children's Rights and the Developing Law" at p.279.

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Reported and unreported Jersey cases include:

S v A [2005] JRC and [2005] JLR N48 represented the successful applicant in the first application under the Children (Jersey) Law 2002 for leave to remove a child from the jurisdiction.

B v J [2008] JRC 102 2008 JLR N28- appointed as representative for children that were subject of allegations of abuse under article 75 of Children (Jersey) Law 2005. Case reported as to the power of the Court as to costs.

AG v Benyoucef 2008 JLR N35; 2009 JLR N4 - right of family to intervene on deportation;

The X children [2009] JRC 058A; 067; 2009 JLR N51 (disclosure); 2009 JLR 66; 2009 JLR 143 -contested care proceedings/judicial review of refusal to fund placements;

Minister for HSS and KG and others [2009] JRC 076;2009 JLR N20;

A v B [2010] JRC 025;

In the Matter of Q 2011 JLR147 -views of child/representation;

In the Matter of Child H [2010] JRC 130A;

Re B (Separate Representation of Minors) 2010 JLR 387 - leading case on appointment of lawyer/guardian for children;

Re X – acting for Plaintiffs against the Minister for Health & Social Services in respect of damages for failure to protect children in the care of the States of Jersey; 2011 JLR 772 (public interest immunity); 2012 1 JLR N21 (joint experts); 2015 1 JLR 16 (open justice);

Re Y – acting for Plaintiffs against the Minister for Health & Social Services in respect of damages for failure to protect children in the care of the States of Jersey.

Memberships

Member of the Family Law Bar Association (FLBA).

Member of the Jersey Public Law Children's Panel (PLCP.)

Recommendations

Listed as an expert in dispute resolution and in public law by various independent legal directories.

Publications

Written widely on the interaction of ancillary relief orders with offshore trusts and child law matters.

Published articles in International Family Law, Family Law, Common Law World Review, Trusts and Trustees, and the Jersey and Guernsey Law Review.

Frequent conference speaker.