



Year of Call

2012

Devil Masters

Kate Dowdalls KC

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Practice Profile

Ceit-Anna is described in Chambers UK as a "go-to junior for a broad range of family cases" who "has cogent opinions and an excellent knowledge of family law". She is further described as "capable, cool-headed and extremely good with clients" and as going "above and beyond in terms of service".

Ceit-Anna practices predominantly in the area of family law. She advises on the legal aspects of the breakdown of relationships including financial provision on divorce and financial claims arising following cohabitation. She is instructed in disputes involving children including residence, contact and relocation cases. She is experienced in dealing with applications under the Hague Convention and with applications for permanence orders and adoption.

Ceit-Anna is frequently appointed by the Court of Session as curator ad litem, reporting officer and child welfare reporter.

She has experience of regulatory law and since 2016 has been a Legal Assessor to the Nursing and Midwifery Council.

Ceit-Anna is currently instructed as junior counsel to the Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry.

Education & Professional Career to Date

Solicitor and Associate in private practice prior to calling to the Bar

Traineeship: Dickson Minto WS, Edinburgh and London

LLB (Hons) and Diploma in Legal Practice: The University of Edinburgh

Appointments

- Board Member, MG ALBA (2020–present)
- Junior Counsel to the Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry (2016–present)
- Legal Assessor, Nursing & Midwifery Council (2016–present)
- Board Member, Bright Light Relationship Counselling (2016–present)
- Council Member, The Stair Society (2015–2020)
- Session Cases Reporter, Scottish Council of Law Reporting (2013–2019)
- Member, Faculty of Advocates Family Law Reform Group (2013–present)
- Clerk, Faculty of Advocates Family Law Reform Group (2013–2018)
- Committee Member, Advocates Family Law Association (2013–2019)
- Tutor, School of Law, The University of Edinburgh (2009–present)

Selected Cases

- **CM v ER [2017] CSIH 18**
- **ZM and AM v Locality Reporter [2016] SAC (Civ) 16**
- **Petitions of West Lothian Council re the children A and B (2016) CSOH 50**
- **MT and AG v Gerry 2015 SC 359**
- **S for authority to adopt the child FY 2014 Fam LR 23**
- **Edinburgh City Council re the children AB and CD (2014) SCLIV 2**

Areas of Practice

- Family
- Public and Fatal Accident Inquiries

Publications & Seminars

Law Society of Scotland, Family Law Conference, September 2016 - "Financial Provision on Divorce"

Family Law Association Seminar, May 2015- "Child Law- Case Law Update"

AMFLG Seminar, June 2014 - "Cohabitation, where we are now, two years after Gow v Grant"

BAAF Scotland Legal Group Conference, June 2014 - "Legal issues in the profiling of children for family finding"

Scottish Parliamentary Review (January 2014) - Case Commentary-*Prest v Pretrodel Resources Ltd & Others*

TANQ Seminar, September 2013- "To cohabit or not to cohabit...."

AMFLG Annual Conference, September 2013- "Recent Developments in Family Law Procedure"

Directories

Recommended in Chambers and Partners UK Bar Guide for Family/Matrimonial for a number of years.
Recent extracts include:

"Has become a go-to junior for a broad range of family cases, including those relating to financial provision, cohabitation claims, permanence orders, Hague Convention applications and residence disputes"

"Capable, cool-headed and extremely good with clients - she goes above and beyond in terms of service"

"She has cogent opinions and an excellent knowledge of family law"

"She is commended for her client management, courtroom composure and pragmatism"

"She is a very articulate, helpful and empathetic person to have as an advocate"

"She is exceptionally good with clients. They trust her and her suggestions"

Additional Information

Fluent Gaelic speaker