



Corey Mills

Date of Call: 1987 (Middle Temple)

Qualifications: Law LLB (Hons), National Diploma in Business Studies

Memberships: Family Law Bar Association

Direct Access Qualified

Corey is an experienced barrister with many years' practise in all areas of family law. He was originally a criminal law practitioner, learning the art of advocacy in the criminal courts of London before moving to Kent in 1990. He has specialised in Family Law since 1992.

Corey is sought after to represent clients in all areas of children law, including:

- care proceedings where a Local Authority has applied for a care, supervision or placement order (Public Law);
- general family disputes over children (Private Law) under the Children Act 1989
- specific applications to remove a child from the jurisdiction or to change a child's surname.

Within Public Law - Children and Private Law - Children proceedings he has represented parents, grandparents, step-parents, and children, including those with disabilities, learning difficulties or substance abuse issues. He is skilled at drafting documents, and analysing expert information.

His clients come from all walks of life, and he prides himself on being very approachable, and able to support and represent people who are nervous and unfamiliar with the court system.

Corey has a reputation for being understanding, calm and easy to work with, with a thorough, professional approach to every aspect of his work. He takes great care to support his clients through the legal process and to offer advice that enables them to understand their options and make informed decisions.

He wants his clients to understand that he is not here to judge people for decisions they've made or actions they've taken; rather, that his job is to represent them in the best way possible, and with the best interests of the child at the centre.



His clients appreciate his sympathetic approach, balanced by a robust and persuasive approach in court.

Children – Public Law

Corey regularly represents parents, grandparents, extended family members, children and guardians in care proceedings, as well as family members seeking special guardianship orders.

His Care Proceedings (Public Law) experience includes defending against emergency protection orders, interim care orders, final care orders and applications to permanently remove children from the family; whether into foster care or by application for placement order for adoption. He has helped parents to retain the care of their children, as well as successfully arguing for Special Guardianship Orders in favour of grandparents, and ensuring that financial support is put in place.

He appreciates that he is often working with people who are coping with the most difficult of circumstances – including domestic violence, neglect, abuse or even the death of a child, and he understands how distressing it can be to cope with legal proceedings. His naturally calm manner helps to reassure, and he will take the time to ensure that he explains matters and advises clients so that they understand the legal aspects of their particular situation.

Corey is experienced in working with people who have a disability or learning difficulties, or with issues of substance abuse and addiction.

He is also used to working with clients who need the help of an interpreter, including sign language interpreters.

Private Law (Child arrangements programme (CAP))

Corey has a great deal of experience of all aspects of private law proceedings, including disputes over paternity, parental alienation and implacable hostility cases, shared care cases and injunctions.

Private family law proceedings include disputes over whether your children should live with you or their other parent, and arrangements for contact. Both now come under the umbrella term of 'Child Arrangement Orders'.

Corey has a reputation for being supportive and sympathetic, and has represented many parents, grandparents and extended family members at all levels within the Family Court system, as well as victims of domestic abuse in cases brought by or against perpetrators. He has also acted for fathers accused of domestic violence as well as representing parents with substance abuse problems, mental health difficulties or physical disabilities.

Issues involving private family law often involve questions which go beyond which parent a child should live with, and contact arrangements.



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Corey also helps his clients to make applications to remove, or to prevent the removal of, a child from the country or to a different part of the country; to address questions of a child's religious or cultural upbringing; to resolve disputes over which school a child should attend; and to deal with changing a child's surname.

These questions frequently cause friction, and can interfere with couples being able to resolve the wider questions. With his calm, reassuring approach, and ability to explain legal issues in simple terms, he is able to guide his clients towards understanding what is really causing disagreement, and support them to move towards a resolution.