



Ronald Edginton

Date of Call: 1984 (Gray's Inn)

Qualifications: BA(Hons) LLM

Memberships: Family Law Bar Association

Direct Access Qualified

Ronald's practice has been established in Canterbury since 1991. His main area of practice is in Family Law, including applications under the Family Law Act 1996, and he is willing to attend court at short notice, especially in cases involving domestic violence. He specialises particularly in Public and Private Children cases, where he mainly acts for parents, but has also been instructed by Guardians.

He is a former health professional, who fulfilled his lifelong ambition to become a lawyer after studying law at Exeter University, gaining a master's degree in International Business Legal Studies before choosing to go to the bar.

His wealth of experience – in terms of life experience, his former career in Health and in law – enables him to take a holistic perspective on his clients' cases.

He has a particular reputation for being realistic and honest with his clients and for getting the best possible results, including through negotiations where necessary.

Ronald is Direct Access qualified.

Private Law (Child Arrangements Programme (CAP))

Ronald is highly experienced in all private law applications, but acts most frequently for parents, dealing mainly with residence and contact applications, where the parents are unable to agree where a child should live and/or on the arrangements for children seeing both parents.

These include cases of parental alienation, moving out and within the jurisdiction, allegations of physical abuse by the father, and implacable hostility.

He understands the amount of emotional strain that these disputes have on families. Whilst being supportive and sympathetic towards his clients' situation, he is also a highly professional and strong advocate, giving them confidence in his ability to achieve the best possible outcome for the child.

Children - Public Law

Ronald is regularly instructed in child care proceedings, including Section 38(6) and Emergency Protection Order applications. His cases have involved a variety of issues encompassing chronic neglect, physical abuse, non-accidental injury and sexual abuse.

He usually acts for parents, but has on occasion been instructed on behalf of children's Guardians, and also often represents clients facing a Local Authority which is seeking to remove children from the family's care.

He works regularly with family members concerned about children who may have suffered chronic neglect, physical abuse, non-accidental injury and sexual abuse.

Ronald is friendly and approachable, with a reputation for taking a pragmatic and realistic view, being sympathetic towards his clients' situation, and ensuring that they are able to fully engage in the court process while achieving the best possible outcome for the children.

Ronald has extensive experience of cross examination of expert witnesses and is adept at assimilating the, often large, amounts of specialist evidence required.

Testimonials

"I would like to express my gratitude of thanks to Mr Edginton, his professionalism was outstanding and he explained everything to me thoroughly and knew the facts surrounding my case very quickly.

I would highly recommend Mr Edginton to anyone who needs legal representation."

"Many thanks once again to you and your clerks for your assistance with this case at the eleventh hour. It has been greatly appreciated. I will certainly bear you in mind if I have any other hearings"

"...I am very grateful for all that Mr Edginton has done....Thank you once again for all of the help and assistance that has been afforded to me..."