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Legal Service



## DOUGLAS TAYLOR BARRISTER PROFILE

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## AREAS OF PRACTICE

### Public / Private Law Children

Douglas specialises in the law relating to families and children (both public and private law cases). He is particularly experienced in sensitive and difficult cases involving the care of children.

### Ancillary Relief

He also conducts ancillary relief cases and claims arising out of cohabitation and civil partnership, as well as claims under Schedule 1 of the Children Act 1989. He is known as a negotiator in this field.

### Mental Health / Community Care Law

Douglas has a keen interest in mental health and social care issues and is very knowledgeable about the care of the elderly and care home legislation. He advises Local Authorities on administration of care homes and adult social care accommodation.

## AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Care
- Private Children
- Ancillary Relief
- Mental Health & Community Care
- Injunction

## QUALIFICATION & UNIVERSITY

- (1981), Middle Temple
- BA Hons., Sheffield University
- Deputy District Judge since 1999
- Tribunal Judge, Mental Health Review Tribunal since 1996
- Diocese of Portsmouth, Lay Magistrate since 1994

## MEMBERSHIP

- Family Law Bar Association (Wessex representative), Wessex FLBA.

## CASES OF NOTE

**R v Maginnis [1987]**  
AC303, HL - Supply of drugs

**Staffordshire County Council v C and M [1998]**  
FCR1 - Illegitimate child in care putative father application guidance to court as to disposal

**Re M [2002]**  
2 FLR 893 - Disclosure in Children Act cases

**Re: Wyatt (a child) - Medical treatment: continuation of order**  
23rd February 2006 (unreported)