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Victoria Hajba-Ward



Victoria regularly represents parties in the Family Proceedings Court, County Court and the High Court, accepting instructions in both public and private law matters. She has a wide-ranging practice, acting for local authorities, parents, extended family members, children and children's guardians. Victoria has substantial experience of care work ranging from urgent applications through to finding of fact hearings and multiple day contested matters. She has been involved in cases with allegations of serious sexual and physical abuse, including non-accidental injuries and FII. Victoria regularly deals with cases involving domestic violence, neglect and drug and alcohol abuse. She has considerable experience in complex contact and residence disputes.

Victoria also represents applicants and respondents at all stages of financial remedy proceedings.

She regularly receives positive feedback in respect of her approach to both lay and professional clients, and the quality of her work. Victoria handles cases sensitively, recognising the difficulties parties can experience in proceedings. She is renowned for being down to earth, building a good rapport with her clients alongside providing clear and straightforward advice.

Victoria was appointed as a Deputy District Judge in 2025 and a Recorder on the North Eastern Circuit (Family) in 2026

YEAR OF CALL

2011

AREAS OF PRACTICE

FAMILY

Divorce & Domestic Violence
Public & Private Law – Children

APPOINTMENTS

Deputy District Judge
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'Victoria has the instinctive inquisitorial ability required of a barrister. She navigates conferences and contested hearings with the clear authority that both clients and colleagues alike respect and appreciate, and she is tenacious, honest and sympathetic in her conduct of cases for clients.'

Memberships

North Eastern Circuit

Family Law Bar Association and Criminal Bar Association.

Qualifications

Bar Practice Training Course (2011) BBP Law School Leeds (Very Competent), LLB (Hons) (2007-2010) The University of Northampton (First Class),

Scholarships and awards: Cecile Yahuda Pupillage Scholarship (Inner Temple) 2014, Duke of Edinburgh Entrance Award and Exhibition (Inner Temple) 2011 and Outstanding Academic Achievement at the University of Northampton 2008-2010.

Other interests

Victoria enjoys running and keeping fit in her spare time having run the Great North Run and other competitive half marathons. She enjoys travelling and regularly travels to the USA where she lived whilst undertaking charity work prior to her career at the bar.