



Kevin Gordon



Year of call: 2013

Areas of Practice

Direct Public Access Barristers, Family

Kevin is a specialist family law barrister with a very rounded knowledge of public and private family law including ancillary relief matters. Having worked over 13 years with leading local authorities, managing and dealing with complex child protection cases, Kevin brings a socio-legal understanding to family law not generally found at the Family Bar.

In December 2019, Kevin successfully defended an SGO in favour of a maternal grandmother in the case of *Re FL (a Child)*: [2020] EWCA Civ 20 - <https://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWCA/Civ/2020/20.html>

Kevin was called to the England and Wales Bar in 2013. Prior to that Kevin worked through the ranks from social worker to Deputy Service Manager, specialising in complex care proceedings and private family law matters. He also volunteered with the National Centre for Domestic Violence (NCDV) and the Hammersmith HIV Law Clinic. He is particularly skilled at handling child arrangement disputes and managing difficult clients including those who are vulnerable, suffering from mental illness and lacking capacity. Social workers have commented that 'Kevin just gets it'. Kevin continues to represent parents, and local authority in various matters including sexual abuse allegations, emotional, physical abuse and neglect and cases with international elements.

Kevin began work in Jamaica as a probation and aftercare officer; working with accusers, supporting the court in civil cases, and was the lead worker when dealing with cases involving children. Kevin developed skills and interests in working with children, and is highly skilled at engaging with families and working for fair solutions. Through his training as a social worker, Kevin has a uniquely calm approach when representing mentally unwell and vulnerable clients.

Through his work with the NCDV Kevin supported the court as a Mackenzie friend, becoming a specialist in domestic violence. Trained in systemic therapy, Kevin has a solution-focused approach when working with clients and advocates alike. He has been praised for his calmness and sensitivity when dealing with clients at times of high emotional stress.

While attending Birkbeck College (completed with a first class honours), Kevin worked with the Hammersmith HIV Law Clinic, conducting research and holding joint interviews with solicitors and clients.

Outside of Chambers, Kevin enjoys attending the opera and ballet. He danced professionally as a contemporary ballet dancer for over six years and now supports the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn as the lead choreographer and dancer during their annual Miscellany Production.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Family Law Bar Association

Health and Care Professions Council (Registered Social Worker)

Honourable Society of Gray's Inn

Bar Pro Bono Unit

Ambassador for Kalisher Scholarship Trust

EDUCATION

University of Law, Bar Professional Training Course, 2013

Birkbeck College, University of London, LLB Law (First Class Hons.), 2011

Certificate in Counselling and Social Work, 2005

University of the West Indies, Economics and Political Science (B.Sc. Hons), 2000

PUBLICATION

'Occupation Orders: Are we there Yet?' (Family Law Week, 7 July 2016)

Raising the Bar: meet the barrister (Gray's Inn podcast, 3 February 2020)
<https://www.graysinn.org.uk/news/raising-the-bar-podcast-episode-9-meet-the-barrister-kevin-gordon>

AWARDS

Prince of Wales Scholar, Honourable Society of Gray's Inn, 2012

Advocacy Training Recipient, Kalisher Scholarship Trust, 2012

WHAT CLIENTS SAY

I have used Kevin recently on family cases and found him to be excellent, very thorough, always prepared for hearing and goes the extra mile researching relevant case law. He will fight tooth and nail for a client. In a recent complex case where it became evident that there was a lacuna in law he assisted the judge and parties greatly with his background research. Needless to say he has great rapport with my clients and his attendance notes are brilliant. – **Jean Dowling, Solicitor, Haslaw & Co Solicitors**



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