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Specialises in:

- Public Law Children
- Private Law Children
- Child Abduction
- Arbitration



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Markanza began her career undertaking criminal work, which she sees was a great way to learn about cross examination. She has however specialised in Family for many years. She now specialises in children's work both private and public, undertaking cases which involve complex legal and factual matters.

Public Law Children

Markanza is instructed in highly complex public law children's cases. In the past twelve months she has led for a local authority in a case involving allegations of inter-sibling sexual abuse with 8 parents 11 children and 5 guardians.

She was led in a 'dead baby case' where the client was found not to be the perpetrator.

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She has also appeared in a factitious illness case for the child with a junior against silks. The medical records ran to over 8,000 pages.

Markanza has dealt with a public law case where the court had to grapple with the impact of diplomatic immunity on public law cases, an area in which there was no legal authority.

Private Law Children

Markanza undertakes complex private law cases dealing with live with and spend time with issues as well as internal and external relocation.

She has acted for a doctor who was accused of sexually abusing his own child and as a result was suspended from practice. She was successful in getting the court to make no findings which resulted in her client being able to resume work but more importantly his relationship with his child.

She has acted for a father in a highly litigious contact dispute where contact had ceased when she was instructed but after her input and persuasion to the court was successfully reinstated.

She has been instructed in cases of internal relocation (eg the south west/Scotland/ north of England) as well as external relocation (America, Russia). She was successfully led in a relocation to China case.

Child Abduction

Before having her daughter Markanza was a committee member of reunite for many years and. She has continued with her interest in this field and undertakes work for both applicants and defendants.

Arbitration

Markanza is a qualified Children's Arbitrator.

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CHAMBERS & PARTNERS, 2021

REPUTATION & AWARDS

"A fierce advocate who has so much gravitas." "Markanza is able to deal with complex matters and simplify them for the client in an accessible manner." "She is excellent on really thorny children cases." - Chambers & Partners, 2021

"An experienced, capable barrister who has a lot of experience of both sitting as a judge and as a barrister. She's a very good, effective advocate." - Chambers & Partners, 2020

'An excellent advocate.' - Legal 500, 2020 (Leading Junior)

"An advocate who is fantastic on her feet, experienced and reliable." - Chambers & Partners, 2019

'She really, really does know her stuff and presents the client's case in a very focused, very strong, very clear way that judges appreciate' - Chambers & Partners, 2018

'Fights with precision and flair in children's cases.' - Legal 500, 2018

'She is a fantastic advocate and can clearly and concisely put a case to the court. Accessible and friendly, she provides excellent legal advice' - Chambers UK

Recommended for cases concerning non accidental injury - Legal 500

Markanza is noted for 'her commitment to achieving the best for her client.' - Chambers Directory

Impresses the market 'by her ability to grasp the essentials straight away' - Chambers UK

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Top marks for preparation. - Chambers UK

'She's a natural advocate in a day and age when so much of the work is done on paper' -
Chambers UK

Education

BA Law degree (1982)

Professional Memberships

FLBA

ALC

ILFA

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