

## Pamela Scriven QC

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Specialises in:

- Public Law Children
- Private Law Children
- Child Abduction

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*... is another 'high-grade practitioner.' 'Truly exceptional,' she is a 'tremendous tactician' who 'sensitively and effectively represents parents in public law cases.'*

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Pamela Scriven QC specialises in all areas of children's law, both public and private. She has dealt with some of the longest and most difficult cases in this area. Her wide experience covers cases where there are allegations of alleged physical injury of all types, and where there are extremely complex allegations of sexual abuse. It includes cases of medical treatment of children/mentally defective adults, of child abduction and the international elements of family disputes, and of adoption.

### Public Law Children

Pamela Scriven QC has dealt with some of the longest and most difficult cases in this area. She has a great deal of experience in cases where there are allegations of alleged physical injury of all types, including non-accidental head injury, "unknown cause" cases, and of alleged factitious illness. She is well used to the analysis and scrutiny of complex expert evidence. She is also experienced in cases where there are extremely complex allegations of

sexual abuse, including cases where there are multiple allegations of abuse by unrelated complainants (alleged paedophile rings).

## **Reported Public Law Children cases include:**

- *Re P (A child)* - [2016] All ER (D) 171
- *Re G (A Child)* - [2016] All ER (D) 39
- *Re T (A Child) (Early Permanence Placement)* - [2015] All ER (D) 118
- *Re G (a child) (contact: long term foster care)* - [2014] All ER (D) 75
- *Re B (a child) (care proceedings: jurisdiction)* - [2014] 1 All ER 1045
- *Re L and M (children) (fact finding: non-accidental injury)* - [2013] All ER (D) 275  
In the matter of J (Children) [2013] UKSC 9
- *Re M (a child) (fact finding hearing: burden of proof)* - [2012] All ER (D) 222
- *Re A (Fact-Finding Hearing: Judge Meeting with Child)* [2012] EWCA Civ 185 [2012] 2 FLR 369
- *Re B (A Child)* [2009] UKSC 5 [2010] 1 FLR 551
- *Re P (Care Proceedings: Disclosure)* [2008] EWHC Fam 2197 [2009] 2 FLR 1039
- *Re B (Fact-Finding Hearing: Evidence)* [2008] EWCA Civ 1547 [2009] 2 FLR 14
- *Re B (Care Proceedings: Standard of Proof)* [2007] EWHC 2688 (Fam) [2008] 2 FLR 253
- *Re T (Abuse: Standard of Proof)* [2004] EWCA Civ 558 [2004] 2 FLR 838
- *Re M (Care Order: Freeing Application)* [2003] EWCA Civ 1874 [2004] 1 FLR 826

## **Private Law Children**

Pamela Scriven QC has vast experience of private law disputes of all kinds. These range over disputes about where children should live and with whom, schooling, and also wider areas such as medical treatment of children and mentally defective adults. Her reported cases have included such wide ranging matters as:

- *Re R (IVF: Paternity of Child)* [2003] EWCA Civ 182 [2003] 1 FLR 1183
- *Bellinger v Bellinger* [2003] UKHL 21 [2003] 1 FLR 1043
- *B and D v R* (by her legal guardian) [2002] 2 FLR 843
- *Re ZM and OS* (Sterilisation: Patient's Best Interests) [2000] 1 FLR 523

- *Re O and J* (Paternity: Blood Tests) [2000] 1 FLR 418

## Child Abduction

Pamela Scriven QC deals with cases with an international element, for example, those involving with child abduction and jurisdictional issues. By way of example her reported cases include:

- *Re B (a child) (care proceedings: jurisdiction)* - [2014] 1 All ER 1045
  - *Re K (Rights of Custody: Spain)* [2009] EWHC 1066 (Fam) [2010] 1 FLR 57
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## Education

- University College, London (LL.B)
- Pamela Scriven QC was a visiting Professor of the University of Niigata, Japan in August 1994 and November 1997

## Professional Memberships

Appointments and Memberships:

- Recorder (1996)
- Deputy High Court Judge, Family Division (1995)
- Bencher of the Inner Temple (1995)
- Chair of the Family Law Bar Association (1999-2001)
- Honorary lifetime Vice Chair of Family Law Bar Association (on retirement as Chair)
- Commissioner Royal Court of Jersey (2007)
- Lieutenant Bailiff Royal Court of Guernsey (2010)

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