

THE PANELLISTS

CROSS EXAMINATION OF VULNERABLE WITNESSES IN CHILDREN PROCEEDINGS



ARTIS KAKONGE <https://www.no5.com/barrister/artis-kakonge/>

Deputy Head of Family at No5 Chambers with extensive experience in family and Court of Protection law. Artis Previously worked in local government, representing adult social care and children's services in complex capacity and deprivation of liberty cases before the Court of Protection and High Court. She acts for individuals, local authorities, health bodies, and the Official Solicitor.



DANIEL LONGE <https://tfavc.glide.page/dl/54886d/s/767bfd/r/18CFFo58Th-u1chPGyDrMg>

Daniel is a solicitor-advocate with over 17 years of experience in family law and safeguarding. Working with TFAVC, he represents Local Authorities in complex hearings and trials. He has held senior legal roles in multiple London boroughs, known for his strategic advice and skilled advocacy in sensitive cases. He also contributes to training and mentoring within the TFAVC network, supporting best practice in public law advocacy.



DEBORAH PICCOS (Panel Chair) <https://tvedwards.com/person/deborah-piccoss/>

Solicitor Advocate at TV Edwards LLP and a member of the Children Panel, she specialises in public law children matters. Deborah sits as a Recorder and Deputy District Judge in family law on the South Eastern Circuit. She is a member of the East London Local Family Justice Board and heads up their website <https://eastlondonfjb.glide.page/dl/783bbb> She chaired the Solicitors' Association of Higher Courts Advocates (SAHCA) from 2020–2022, and was a Finalist for the Legal Aid Family Lawyer of the Year in 2017 and 2022.



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A Partner at JD Spicer Zeb since 2013, Raman has been accredited to the Law Society's Children Panel since 2007. He specialises in representing clients within complex children law and child abduction matters with advocacy conducted throughout. Raman frequently represents children (via CAFCASS Guardians) and vulnerable parents in care proceedings across London. He has been practising as a specialist Family Law Solicitor since 2003.



VICTORIA ROBERTS <https://www.coramchambers.co.uk/people/victoria-roberts/>

A barrister at Coram Chambers, Victoria specialises in family law and the Court of Protection, focusing on children and public law cases. She often represents older children directly and regularly trains professionals on children's legal issues. Victoria is a member of the Executive Committee of the Association of Lawyers for Children. In 2024, she was appointed as a Recorder in family law on the South Eastern Circuit.



ELIZABETH WARK <https://www.3djb.co.uk/members/elizabeth-wark>

Elizabeth is a family and domestic abuse specialist barrister at 3DJB Chambers. Formerly a Registered Nurse in Sydney's ICU wards, she brings a unique perspective to family law, particularly in cases involving trauma, mental health, and high-stress situations. Recognised as a 'Rising Star' in family law by Legal 500, she is praised for her communication skills and ability to get to the heart of a case.