

Family Law

Legal Update | Week 4, 2026

Introduction

This weekly legal update provides practitioners with the latest developments in family law. It includes recent case law, news updates, key legislation references, and useful resources for legal professionals.

Focus areas: Children Act 1989, private and public law proceedings, financial remedies, domestic abuse

This Week's Coverage

- Children Act welfare checklist
- Public law outline
- Financial remedies
- Domestic Abuse Act 2021
- Recent case law

Recent Case Law

Family Division

- EN v RN & Anor [2026] EWHC 21 (Fam) (15 January 2026)
Published: 2026-01-19
- T (Appeal: Findings of Fact), Re [2024] EWHC 3327 (Fam) (20 December 2024)
Published: 2026-01-19
- D, Re (Contempt: Sentencing) [2025] EWHC 3475 (Fam) (16 December 2025)
Published: 2026-01-16
- C (A Child), Re (Abduction: Grave Risk: Asylum Claim: Child's Objections) [2025] EWHC 3461 (Fam) ...
Published: 2026-01-15
- RA v PK (Rev1) [2025] EWHC 3456 (Fam) (15 December 2025)
Published: 2026-01-14

Court of Appeal (Civil)

- Secretary of State for Work & Pensions v NJ [2026] EWCA Civ 23 (22 January 2026)
Published: 2026-01-22
- Hawes, R (On the Application Of) v London Borough of Tower Hamlets [2026] EWCA Civ 24 (22 January...
Published: 2026-01-22
- Allen v The Secretary of State for Work And Pensions [2026] EWCA Civ 19 (21 January 2026)
Published: 2026-01-21
- Cloisters Business Centre Management Company Ltd v Anvari & Anor [2026] EWCA Civ 17 (21 Janua...
Published: 2026-01-21
- Bicknell & Anor v NHS Nottingham And Nottinghamshire Integrated Commissioning Board [2026] EW...
Published: 2026-01-21

News & Commentary

Judiciary News

- Pre-application seminar about applying to sit as a s9(4) Deputy High Court Judge

Published: 2026-01-21

- Judicial Diversity and Inclusion Strategy 2026-2030 launched

Published: 2026-01-21

- Senior President of Tribunals' Annual Report 2025

Published: 2026-01-16

- President of the King's Bench Division to retire from the judiciary

Published: 2026-01-14

- The family court and open justice: evolution, reform, and wider implications for the Health, Educ...

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Key Legislation

- Children Act 1989
- Domestic Abuse Act 2021
- Matrimonial Causes Act 1973
- Family Procedure Rules 2010

Useful Resources

- legislation.gov.uk - Children Act 1989
- GOV.UK - Family Court forms
- CAFCASS - Children and Family Court Advisory Service
- Family Justice Council Guidance
- Resolution - Family Law practitioners

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