

# 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)  
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### 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](https://legislation.gov.uk) - Children Act 1989
- [GOV.UK](https://gov.uk) - Family Court forms
- CAFCASS - Children and Family Court Advisory Service
- Family Justice Council Guidance
- Resolution - Family Law practitioners

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