

MARTIN R. TODD

Professional Profile:

Was called to the Bar in 1991. He is a Family Law specialist, conducting private and public law child care disputes, at all levels from the Family Proceedings Court to the Court of Appeal. He appears regularly on behalf of all sides of disputes, including representing parents, Guardians and the Local Authority, in all manner of cases, from Contact and Residence to Care, Placement, Adoption and Abduction cases.

Martin has a particular interest in cases of alleged serious child injury and abuse, involving complex medical issues and forensic cross examinations having conducted several lengthy and complex head injury cases on behalf of parents, recently. Most recently he appeared on behalf of the Children's Guardian in the Court of Appeal, in the Case of *CL v East Riding of Yorkshire Council, MB and BL (A Child)* [2006] EWCA Civ 49, dealing with the issues of split hearings and threshold in Care cases. This case involved serious injuries to a baby.

Martin is a Member of the FLBA and sits on the local committee. Following a Pegasus Scholarship in the USA Martin retains his connection to the USA as associate Membership of the American Bar Association (Family Law).

Personal Profile

Martin is 38 years of age and married to a local family law solicitor. He was born in Switzerland and spent his youth growing up in Munich, southern Germany. Martin is bilingual and has been called upon to use his German in several cases, where clients felt misunderstood and misinterpreted.

Martin is a keen motorsports enthusiast, competing now for many seasons, in the Lodge Sports Porsche 924 series. He ended the 2005 season second overall in the championship. Racing takes him to all major national circuits and some abroad.