

HUMBER LFJB CONFERENCE 2025: "RISK, RESILIENCE, AND RELATIONSHIPS: A FAMILY LAW ANALYSIS OF RISK ASSESSMENTS"

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

HHJ MARTIN TODD

Circuit Judge and Designated Family Judge for Humberside. HHJ Todd was appointed a Circuit Judge in September 2024 and subsequently appointed the DFJ for Humberside in August 2025. Prior to his Judicial career, HHJ Todd was a senior barrister at a Leeds Chambers. HHJ Todd will provide an introduction to the conference.



NAOMI MADDERSON KC

Naomi Madderson KC is a leading family law specialist and Head of Chambers, renowned for her formidable advocacy and tactical expertise in complex public law cases. Naomi was appointed as the first female silk in Hull and the first family law silk to be appointed in the region—a landmark achievement reflecting her exceptional legal acumen and influence on the North Eastern Circuit. Naomi will provide an opening to the conference.

DR REBECCA CLARK-DOWD

Dr Clark-Dowd qualified in 2010 as a Clinical Psychologist and has worked as an Expert Witness for the Courts for 11 years, providing evidence based, well-researched reports in proceedings. Dr Clark-Dowd provides psychological assessments to inform matters of risk, ability to parent, intellectual and personality factors contributing to understanding of behaviour and likelihood of change.

Dr Clark-Dowd will be discussing risk assessment measures and protective factors, along with the framework HCR-20.



CAFCASS

The Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service supports children during family court proceedings by making sure their needs, wishes and safety are considered and protected in decisions made by the court.

Within their talk, CAFCASS will be discussing Practice Direction 12J and the risks associated with domestic abuse in the family.



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AMANDA WALSH & SANDRA VAN EMPEL

Advanced Child Care Assessments (ACCA) is the child and family-focused arm of Advanced Social Care Services (ASCS), a multidisciplinary provider of independent health and social care assessments across the UK. Originally established to deliver high-quality, court-ready assessments for children and families, ACCA has grown into a nationally recognised service commissioned by local authorities, solicitors, the NHS, and private clients. Amanda and Sandra will be providing a detailed overview of ACCA's AAA Resolution style model at the conference.



OUR FAMILY WIZARD

Alicia Farran is a Legal Associate at OurFamilyWizard. Alicia has been part of the Family Law community for over 6 years previously working as a Family Law Paralegal in some of the top Family Law firms in both Birmingham and London. Alicia will be outlining the newest features and functionalities within the OurFamilyWizard platform. Alicia will also highlight the current risks to be aware of when communicating online and how OurFamilyWizard can safeguard against this.

FAMILY JUSTICE YOUNG PEOPLE'S BOARD

Family Justice Young People's Board consists of over 75 members aged 7-25 from England and Wales, all with experience in the family justice system or have an interest in children's rights and the family courts. Their goal is to assist the FJB in enhancing the family justice system to ensure better experiences and outcomes for children involved. FJYPB will provide the conference with the perspective of the child in family law proceedings.



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