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Stephensons ranks among the top 100 UK law firms and it is one of the fastest growing practices in the North West. Our family department is the largest in the North West with 27 specialist solicitors. There are 11 children law specialists who are members of the Law Society Children Panel. Operating from a number of regional locations, we can travel to you and attend hearings anywhere in the North West. With over 400 staff, you can trust our specialists to take care of things on your behalf, always putting your best interests first.

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Mike Devlin, Partner

Mike is the Managing Partner of the Family Department.

Mike specialises in law relating to children. He is a member of the Law Society Children Panel and has been since its inception in 1984. For several years he has been listed in the Chambers Directory of the Legal Profession as a "leader in the field."

Mike has a very busy practice representing parents, children, local authorities and other interested parties in care proceedings, adoption cases, residence and contact disputes, applications in wardship and the exercise of Inherent Jurisdiction of the High Court. He has been involved and reported in several high profile cases.



Mike Devlin, Partner (continued)

In addition to this he has for many years provided training to Social Workers, Lawyers, Doctors and other professionals working in the field of child law.

Mike is a legal advisor to After Adoption and the Chairman of the Salford Diocesan Child Protection Commission.

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Andrew Mountain, Partner

Andrew is the Departmental Manager of the Bolton Family Team

Andrew has specialised in family law and law relating to children for many years. He has been a member of the Law Society Children Panel since 1988 and represents both children and parents in care, adoption, residence and contact applications. He has been involved in several reported cases.

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Mandy Rimmer, Partner

Mandy is the Departmental Manager of the Wigan and Leigh Family teams.

She qualified into the Department in 1993, and has specialised in Family Law ever since. Mandy has been a member of the Law Society Children Panel since 1998. Since 2002 she has been a member at the Law Society Advanced Family Law Panel. Mandy specialises in children law and the financial consequences of divorce and relationship breakdown.

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Donna Roberts, Associate Solicitor

Donna is manager of the Manchester Child Law and Adoption Team.

Donna is a highly respected member of the family department and deals with all aspects of child law, including representing children, parents and local authorities. Donna has been a member of the Law Society Children Panel for over 10 years and is also a member of Child Concern. She is a member of the Greater Manchester Family Court Users Committee.

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Nick Hodson, Associate Solicitor

Nick is an Associate in the Family Department.

Nick specialises exclusively in family law and in particular in the law relating to children. Nick was appointed to the Children Panel in 2001. He has been a committee member of Child Concern since 2000 and is also a member of the Association of Lawyers for Children. Nick is also a member of the Reunite panel of solicitors who have expertise in cases of international child abduction.

In 2005, Nick was elected chair of Child Concern and appointed as a solicitor representative on the Greater Manchester Family Justice Council.

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Joanne Hurcombe, Associate Solicitor

Joanne is an Associate in our family department.

Joanne joined Stephensons as an Assistant Solicitor in the family department specialising in the law relating to children. She deals with all aspects of children law, including representing parents, children as well as local authorities.

In June 2003 Joanne was appointed an Associate of the firm.

Joanne was appointed a member of the Law Society Children Panel in 2002 and is a member of Child Concern.

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Gwyneth John, Associate Solicitor

Gwyneth is an Associate in the family department specialising in the law relating to children.

Gwyneth has also been involved in providing training for social workers, foster carers, lawyers, police officers, doctors and other professionals working in the field of child law.

Gwyneth deals with all aspects of the law as it affects children. She has been a member of the Law Society Children Panel since 2002 and is treasurer of Child Concern.

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Victoria Gethin, Associate Solicitor

Victoria is an Associate in the family department.

Victoria is a child law specialist.

She became a panel member of the Law Society Children Panel in 2006, making her one of a select number of panel members under 30. Victoria was appointed an Associate of the firm in 2006.

Victoria has experience of acting for local authorities, parents and children in complex cases including care proceedings, residence and contact disputes and adoption proceedings. Victoria is also a member of Child Concern.

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Claire Johns, Associate Solicitor

Claire is an Associate in the Family Department.

Claire initially practised in the area of civil litigation but since 2003 has pursued her interest in family law. She specialises in the law relating to children and represents parents and children in care, adoption, contact and residence applications. Claire was appointed a member of the Children Panel in 2006.

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Christopher Fairhurst, Solicitor

Chris is a member of the Family Department.

He has been practising law since 1990 and was admitted as a Fellow of Ilex in 1991. He has specialised in Family Law since 1995 and is a member of Resolution.

Chris represents many parents and family members in care, residence and contact applications. He was appointed as a member of the Law Society Children Panel as a Children Representative in January 2007. Chris also deals with all aspects of relationship breakdown but has a particular specialism in financial disputes and settlements between separating couples.

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