



Saima Bhat

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Year of Call: 1999

Saima read Law, both LLB and LLM, at the University of Bristol and was called to the Bar by the Middle Temple in 1999. She undertook her pupillage at 15 Winckley Square Chambers and went on to practise for 12 years prior to moving to Dubai. She returned to the UK in 2020.

Saima is a Family Law Specialist practising in all Family Law children cases.

MEMBERSHIPS

- Family Law Bar Association
- Child Concern
- Northern Circuit
- Middle Temple

EXPERTISE

Family - Children

PUBLIC LAW

Saima practises in Care Proceedings involving all types of non-accidental injury, sexual abuse, neglect and emotional harm.

Saima has extensive experience in representing Local Authorities, Parents, Guardians and the Official Solicitor in Children Act 1989 proceedings. She has acted in High Court cases on several occasions involving complex issues on behalf of the Guardian.

She has regularly represented Local Authorities in the criminal courts in cases involving Public Interest Immunity.

PRIVATE LAW

In Private Law Proceedings, Saima has regularly represented parents and children in complex and difficult cases of Contact, Residence, Domestic Violence Injunctions and Committals, and Removal from the Jurisdiction.

Her experience includes cases involving serious findings of fact involving allegations of physical, emotional and sexual abuse, implacable hostility and international relocation issues.

Saima has a particular interest in representing expatriates in the Middle East in all children matters.

Public Access

Saima is accredited to receive instructions directly from the public through the Public Access Scheme. She has in particular advised British expatriates in Dubai on all children matters, having lived there for some eight years herself.