

Asha Groves



YEAR OF CALL: 2013

INN: INNER TEMPLE

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Very prepared, willing to go the extra mile to reach a conclusion for the client, persistent, a confident advocate. Asha has a lovely manner with clients and explains things very clearly throughout the hearing.”

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FAMILY AND CHILDREN LAW

Practice Overview

Asha has a busy family law practice with a particular focus on children public and private Law. Her expertise is strengthened by having worked in the Children's Services Legal Department of a Local Authority in the South West prior to coming to the Bar. During this time she was engaged in the advocacy and case management of a variety of care cases as well as private law cases involving the Local Authority.

In her current practice Asha has been involved in a number of complex private and public child law cases which have entailed issues such as neglect, allegations of physical and sexual abuse, domestic violence, substance abuse, and mental health issues. Asha also has experience of representing vulnerable clients, and clients who have mental health issues and learning needs requiring an intermediary.

Areas of Expertise

Family & Divorce

Children Private Law

Asha is regularly instructed in private law proceedings from the initial stages through to fact finding and final hearings. Asha has experience of more complex cases from her time working for a Local Authority on cases in which Children's Services became involved prior to coming to the Bar. In her current practice she has acted for

parents, other family members and guardians in cases involving allegations of domestic abuse, implacable hostility and substance misuse as well as cases where one party wishes to relocate, either within the jurisdiction or overseas.

Asha is also regularly instructed in proceedings involving injunctive relief under Part IV Family Law Act 1996 and Domestic Violence Protection Orders under the Crime and Security Act 2010.

Children Public Law

Asha represents all parties at all stages of public law proceedings. She has valuable experience from working in the Children's Services Legal Department of a Local Authority in the South West prior to joining the Bar. During this time she was involved in the advocacy and case management of a variety of care cases. In her practice at the Bar she has experience of a wide variety of cases involving issues such as neglect, domestic abuse, substance misuse (including cases in FDAC) and physical and sexual abuse of children. Asha also has experience of representing vulnerable clients and clients who have mental health issues and learning needs requiring an intermediary.

Recent cases

- ▶ A LA v F
- ▶ A LA v B v R
- ▶ A LA v F v P
- ▶ A LA v W v W
- ▶ A LA v LS v MM
- ▶ A LA v C
- ▶ A LA v F
- ▶ A LA v B v R and Ors
- ▶ A LA v CW
- ▶ S v A LA

Related Articles

- ▶ SZ v DG & Ors [2020] EWHC 881 (Fam)
- ▶ AD & Ors, R (On the Application Of) v London Borough of Hackney [2020] EWCA Civ 518
- ▶ A Clinical Commissioning Group v P (Withdrawal of CANH) [2019] EWCOP 18
- ▶ Egeneonu v Egeneonu (Rev 3) [2018] EWHC 3029 (Fam)
- ▶ A & B v C [2018] EWHC 2048

- ▶ AW v KJ [2018] EWHC 2229 (Fam)
- ▶ R-E (Children) [2018] EWCA Civ 953
- ▶ A Local Authority v X, Y and Z (Permission to Withdraw) [2017] EWHC 3741 (Fam)
- ▶ Summary of FE v MR & Ors
- ▶ DO & BO (Temporary Relocation to China), Re [2017] EWHC 858 (Fam)

Related News:

- ▶ Asha Groves summarises court sanctioned experimental stem cell treatment case for the brain injury of an incapacitated adult
- ▶ Asha Groves reviews the summary assessment of costs in relation to applications for declarations of parentage

Professional memberships

- ▶ Family Law Bar Association
- ▶ Western Circuit

Qualifications & awards:

- ▶ University of Birmingham LLB Law with French – First class honours with distinction in spoken French
- ▶ Université Panthéon-Assas, Paris Certificat de droit (Certificate of French Law) Mentions assez bien
- ▶ Honourable Society of the Inner Temple – Ashworth Scholarship Major Exhibition Award and Duke of Edinburgh Entrance Award

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