



Adam Kayani

Call: 2019

Adam accepts instructions in the full range of chambers' work across the spectrum of family law.

Public Law Children

Adam has appeared on behalf of numerous Local Authorities in a range of Public Law applications ranging from case management and final hearings in the County Court to contested deprivation of liberty proceedings in the High Court. Adam has also appeared on behalf of parents successfully fighting for contact with children in care and wider family members seeking special guardianship orders. Adam has also worked on behalf of both Local Authorities and parents to successfully rehabilitate children back into the care of their families with the appropriate support and guidance.

Private Law Children and Matrimonial Finance

Adam has a thriving practice in private children law applications, appearing on behalf of parents seeking Child Arrangements Orders in the first instance and also for those seeking to enforce existing arrangements as well as those undertaking Fact-Finding hearings in contested matters.

Adam has experience of having previously worked as a County Court advocate, undertaking over 500 County Court hearings across a range of civil-law matters. He has also spent time as a paralegal specialising in commercial litigation disputes involving companies with international mining interests, franchise disputes, construction and insolvency issues. These experiences combine with his knowledge gained during his LLM studies, which focussed on the application of the 'Sharing Principle' in practice, to give him a broad and insightful perspective on the commercial realities involved in matrimonial finance applications such that he is able to give creative and pragmatic advice on them.

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Public Law Children

Adam accepts instructions in public law proceedings on behalf of Local Authorities, parents, Guardians and other family members. He has been instructed on cases involving issues such as suspected non-accidental injuries, sexual abuse, proceedings involving multiple children with different care plans, drug abuse, domestic violence and Deprivation of Liberty applications involving older children.

Notable Public Law Children cases

- **AS v London Borough of Waltham Forest & Anor [2024] EWHC 2808 (Fam)**
Application by mother of 17 year old child to discharge a Prohibited Steps Order preventing parents from removing child from jurisdiction, made following FGM concerns.
- **Re D-S (A Child: Adoption or Fostering) [2024] EWCA Civ 948**
Appeal by local authority against refusal to make order allowing an 11-month-old child to be placed for adoption.

Private Law Children

Adam accepts instructions in all aspects of private law children proceedings. Adam has represented parents seeking Child Arrangements Orders in the first instance or enforcing them when they haven't been complied with and has been instructed on cases involving issues of domestic violence, drug use and entrenched parental conflict. Adam is able to give practical and early advice on urgent applications when either a child has been retained or when there becomes an issue with continued compliance with court orders and is adept at representing parents in these situations at short notice.

Family Finance

Adam accepts instructions in all aspects of family finance proceedings, including applications pursuant to TOLATA 1996, under Schedule 1 of the Children Act 1989, the full range of matrimonial finance applications and enforcement. Adam's previous experiences in the civil jurisdiction and commercial litigation combine with his LLM-studies to enable him to offer creative and pragmatic advice.

International Family Law

Adam undertakes cases at every stage of child abduction proceedings pursuant to the Hague Convention and Brussels II

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Wider interests

Adam is dedicated to his work as Director of [Leducate](#), a charity that he founded and which has won *Advocate's* prestigious 'ProBono Innovation of the Year' award in 2021 for its work in promoting legal education amongst secondary-school aged students in England.

Adam is a committed member of Lincoln's Inn, currently sitting on the Junior Members Committee and regularly addressing undergraduate students on access to the profession at panel events held at universities across the country.

Memberships

The Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn

- *Junior Members Committee (2019 – Present)*

Education

BPTC LLM – *City Law School (2018)*

Law LLB Hons – *University of Nottingham (2017)*

Prizes

Hardwicke Entrance Award – Lincoln's Inn

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