



Naomi Scarano

Call: 2014

Naomi is a passionate, creative, and persuasive advocate. Naomi's practice covers all areas of family law, including all levels of financial remedy proceedings, and private law children cases involving international child abduction (both Hague and non-convention cases) and relocation (both international and internal). Naomi regularly represents parents, children and Guardians in varying complexities of public law cases.

Naomi is known for an empathetic yet determined approach to the representation of her clients. She regularly represents particularly vulnerable clients, such as victims of domestic abuse facing perpetrators in court. Naomi is re-instructed in those matters for her ability to empathise, support and tenaciously represent her clients whether in financial remedy or children proceedings. She can manage emotionally charged situations with professionalism and understanding whilst remaining focused on achieving a successful outcome.

Naomi has worked in human rights offices in South Africa, Stockholm, and New York. In 2015 Naomi undertook a project into the recent ratification of the Hague Convention in Japan. Naomi volunteers with Rights of Women, working on the free advice line and assisting on Rights of Women campaigns. Naomi is also a legal panel member for Reunite and co-authored their updated International Parental Child Abduction Prevention Guide.

Private Law Children

Naomi's private law practice encompasses cases involving alleged physical, psychological, sexual and financial abuse. Naomi regularly represents clients in complicated matters involving allegations of human trafficking, forced marriage, FGM and spouse abandonment. Additionally, Naomi represents clients where there are complex issues of non-disclosure and public interest immunity.

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International Children Law

Naomi has extensive experience in international child abduction (both Hague and non-convention cases) as well as applications under the inherent jurisdiction and other jurisdictional disputes involving children.

Notable International Children Law cases

- **S (A Child) (Hague Convention 1980: Return to Third State) [2019] EWCA Civ 352**
- **Re WA (Abduction) (Consent; Acquiescence; Grave risk of Harm or Intolerability) [2015] EWHC 3410 (Fam)**

Public Law Children

Naomi frequently represents parents, children and Guardians in wide-ranging cases from neglect to cases involving physical, psychological, sexual abuse, neglect, over-chastisement, forced marriage, FGM, extremism/alleged radicalisation, non-accidental injury and child fatalities.

Family Finance

In financial proceedings, Naomi undertakes cases involving all aspects of financial remedies (from MPS hearings through to the FDR, final hearing, and enforcement) as well as Schedule 1, and TOLATA 1996 proceedings. Naomi represents clients with assets from the very small to the substantial.

Publications

- Enforcement of Scottish Orders and the breaking of English lockfasts –the registration and enforcement of Scottish Orders in England, *International Family Law Journal* (2017)
- Navigating the new and complicated 1980 Hague Convention systems in Japan, *Family Affairs* (2016)
- Protection of children and the 1996 Hague Convention, *Journal of Social Welfare and Family Law* (2016)

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Memberships

- FLBA

Education

- LLB, Durham University

Prizes

- Shortlisted Young Barrister of the Year, Jordan's Family Law Awards (2018)
- Winston Churchill Memorial Trust Fund Award (2015)
- Pegasus Scholarship, Inner Temple (2014)
- Duke of Edinburgh Entrance Award, Inner Temple (2013)
- Princess Royal Scholarship, Inner Temple (2013)

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