

1GC | Family Law

Fareha Choudhury

Year of Call: 1995



Practice Overview

Fareha is a highly skilled advocate offering robust representation in children proceedings (both private law and public law). Many solicitors who instruct her describe her as their first choice of Counsel.

Children (Public Law)

Fareha is frequently instructed in highly complex and sensitive cases that feature the most serious allegations such as: non-accidental injury (including resulting in death), child trafficking, fabricated and induced illness, radicalisation, forced marriage, domestic abuse, physical and sexual abuse.

Fareha has a great deal of expertise in working with vulnerable adults and children. She has worked with adults and children with a wide range of challenges, such as: learning difficulties, mental illness, multiple disabilities and autism. Fareha has a reputation for showing a high degree of sensitivity and empathy.

Fareha is regularly in the High Court against King's Counsel. Fareha has a reputation as a highly skilled advocate who works extremely hard to achieve the best possible result for her clients.

Solicitors commend her for offering robust and conscientious representation.

Children (Private Law)

Fareha is extremely experienced in the field of private law proceedings. She has a reputation for being thorough, persuasive and highly effective. She is widely known as a very strong negotiator and for offering robust representation.

Solicitors who instruct her find her reliable and highly personable.

Notable Cases

WZ (Placement with Grandparents) [2024] EWFC 357 (B); Representing the paternal grandparents in care proceedings. Placement with paternal grandparents was approved by the court, despite the Local Authority and Guardian seeking approval of adoption.

The London Borough of Barking and Dagenham v R & Ors [2023] EWFC 338 (B) (08 December 2023)

; Representing the children through their Guardian and successfully argued for placement of the children with their mother under a care order.

N (Children: Fact Finding - Perplexing Presentation/Fabricated or Induced Illness), Re [2024] EWFC 326

Re HM (Adult), PM v KH and Another [2009] EWHC 2685 (Fam)

HM (Vulnerable Adult: Abduction), Re Family Division, 30 April 2010 [2010] EWHC 870 (Fam); [2010] 2 F.L.R. 1057; [2010] 2 F.C.R. 639; [2010] Fam. Law 935 HM (Vulnerable Adult: Abduction), Re Family Division, 24 June 2010 [2010] EWHC 1579 (Fam); [2011] 1 F.L.R. 97; [2010] Fam. Law 1072; Instructed by the Attorney General's Office, States of Guernsey in a complex Court of Protection case in the High Court.

M (Children) [2014] EWCA Civ 1753; Hearing in the Court of Appeal in care proceedings.

Re JC (Discharge of Care Order: Legal Aid) [2015] EWFC B39; Representing the Children's Guardian pro bono in difficult care proceedings.

Re AD and AM (Fact-Finding Hearing) (Application for Re-Hearing) [2016] EWHC 326 (Fam); Representing a parent in the High Court in an application for re-hearing of findings of fact in a complex non-accidental injury case (life threatening injuries to 10-month-old baby).

X, Y and Z (Disclosure to the Security Service) [2016] EWHC 2400 (Fam) (06 October 2016); Representing grandparent in High Court case involving allegations of Islamic extremism and terrorism related activity. Application by the Metropolitan Police for disclosure to the Security Service (MI5).

Re A and Re B Children [2016] EWCA Civ 1101; Representing the children through the Children's Guardian in the Court of Appeal. Complex care proceedings with 64 lever arch files in fact-finding hearing and 27 files on the permission to appeal hearing.

AB v XY [2019] EWHC 1468 (Fam) (07 June 2019) - Matrimonial proceedings case involving international elements.

What the Directories Say

"Fareha is always very thorough, focused and forensic, and strives to achieve the best outcome for the client." Tier 5 - Legal 500, 2025

"Fareha is always fully prepared and can change her communication style depending on the client. She is a brilliant advocate who will always fight her client's corner to ensure they are heard." Legal 500, 2024

Education

University of Sussex LLB Law Honours

BVC, Inns of Court School of Law

Awards

David Karmel Award Grays Inn 1994-95

Memberships & Associations

Association of Lawyers for Children

Family Law Bar Association

Languages

Bengali and French

Personal

Travel, films, cooking and eating out.