

# 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.

*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.