

# 1GC | Family Law

## Nkumbe Ekaney QC

Year of Call: 1990 Year of Silk: 2011



## Practice Overview

Nkumbe practises exclusively in family law specialising in complex cases concerning serious allegations of non-accidental injury; death, FII, sexual abuse and chronic neglect of children. These cases involve highly complex medical evidence.

In Private Law, Nkumbe's practice include cases with allegations of serious physical, emotional or sexual abuse of children by parents.

Nkumbe has acted for minority and/or immigrant parents accused of ritualistic and other abuse including radicalisation justified on cultural and religious grounds; he was leading counsel for the father in the leading FGM case of [B&G \(No 2\) 2015 EWFC 3](#).

Nkumbe has an extensive High Court practice with a wealth of experience acting for parents, children and local authorities in hearings involving chronic neglect, sexual abuse, serious physical and emotional harm and death of children.

## Children (public law)

Nkumbe acts for local authorities, parents, children, guardians and relatives in a wide range of care, placement and adoption proceedings involving complex cases of infanticide, serious physical, sexual and ritualistic abuse of children and the vulnerable. These cases invariably involve complicated factual and medical considerations. He was leading counsel for the father in the first ever case on FGM in the Family Court.

## Children (private law)

Nkumbe represents parents, children and relatives in highly contentious proceedings concerning children arising from relationship breakdown, including cases involving aspects of permission to relocate children and the international components of such removal.

## What the directories say

**2017:** Represents parents and children in public and private child law cases, with particular expertise advising on matters concerning serious non-accidental injuries. He is also experienced at handling

matters that concern sexual assault, neglect and child death.

*"A children lawyer through and through." "Very well thought of." Chambers UK*

**2015:** *"Renowned for his work in sensitive and complex child welfare law, notably infanticide cases and those involving serious allegations of abuse and neglect. In addition to his expertise in children law, he is equally proficient in dealing with the legalities that arise after breakdowns in marriages and civil partnerships." Chambers UK*

**2014:** *"Recommended for public law children work, and cases involving infanticide and non-accidental injuries." Legal 500*

**2014:** *"He is very good and always impresses." Chambers UK*

**2013:** *"Recommended" Legal 500*

**2013:** *"great to deal with and someone who looks after clients well." Chambers UK*

**2012:** *"Highly recommended" Legal 500*

**2012:** *"His first-class practice" Chambers UK*

**2011:** *"Recommended" Legal 500*

**2010:** *"recommended for childcare cases" (Legal 500)*

**2010:** *"Applauded for his relaxed and charming manner" Chambers UK*

**2010:** *"Recommended" Legal Experts*

**2009:** *"an excellent advocate — never ruffled" Legal 500*

**2008:** *His "laid-back and charming style" plays well with interviewees. Chambers UK*

**2008:** *"Smooth as velvet in court" Legal 500*

**2008:** *"Very Able. Extraordinary how much detail he can absorb"  
"Extremely good in court, and personable out of it"  
"Extremely realistic in his approach" Chambers UK*

## **Notable Cases**

*Re B and G (Children) (No 2) [2015] EWFC 3*

*BCC v A Mother and Others 2014 EWHC 1367 (Fam)*

*Re JS 2012 EWHC 1370*

*Stodgell v Stodgell 2009 2 FLR 218 QBD/FD*

*Re K (Shared Residence Order) 2008 2 FLR 380*

*Re B (Sexual Abuse) Expert Report 2000 1 FLR 871*

*B v Torbay Council 2007 1 FLR 203 FD*

## **Education**

LLB University of Bristol

## **Appointments**

Queen's Counsel - 2011

Deputy High Court Judge - 2017

## **Memberships & Associations**

Family Law Bar Association

Languages

French