

HANISHA PATEL

Year of call
2002



Hanisha Patel is a child and family law practitioner, undertaking a range of both public and private law cases.

Hanisha has built a strong reputation in the area of forced marriage appearing regularly in the High Court and has also represented vulnerable clients in the Court of Protection.

Hanisha has significant experience dealing with cases involving allegations of serious physical and sexual abuse, often involving numerous medical experts.

Hanisha is Chair of the [Association of Asian Women Lawyers](#) and her profile appears in the annual edition of 'Black Letter Law' acknowledging achievement in the law. She recently represented the AAWL at a panel event at the Palace of Westminster on "Inspirational Journeys of Women shaping careers, Business and society," where she spoke about her work as a barrister and the support needed for victims of domestic abuse, especially in cases related to honour abuse within the Asian community.

Hanisha is qualified to accept instructions directly from clients and is registered under the Bar Council's Public Access Scheme, meaning that members of the public who seek specialist advice can come direct to her. In addition, she welcomes instructions from solicitors, in-house law departments, qualified foreign lawyers, and clients licensed by the Bar Council to give instructions direct to barristers under the Bar Council's Licensed Access Scheme. For more information please visit our Direct Access page [here](#).

LEGAL EXPERTISE

Family Law

Hanisha is an experienced advocate who undertakes both private and public law cases. She is instructed to act

on behalf of parents, guardians and local authorities.

Hanisha has developed her experience in forced marriage cases and has been instructed on behalf of the police, local authorities and applicants themselves in respect of Forced Marriage Protection Orders and appears regularly in the High Court. Her ongoing multi-party forced marriage caseload includes complex issues involving mental capacity of vulnerable adults and criminal allegations on behalf of child victims of forced marriage.

Hanisha has published numerous articles (Family Law Journal, Journal of Family Law and Practice and Solicitors Journal) on this topic individually and also in conjunction with Rachel Langdale QC, Anne-Marie Hutchinson (Dawson Cornwell) and Jasvinder Sanghera (Karma Nirvana) and has provided training to the police, local authorities and NGO's including Women's Aid. In addition, through her role as Chair of the Association of Asian Women Lawyers, Hanisha has been instrumental in organising 'awareness-raising' events nationally on forced marriage.

Selected Cases

Norwich CC v G

Representation of a parent in care proceedings concerning allegations of baby shaking and physical abuse to a newborn baby.

Bucks CC v W

Representation of a Guardian in care proceedings concerning allegations of serious physical abuse.

Luton Borough Council v P

Representation of a parent in care proceedings concerning allegations of baby shaking and physical abuse to a newborn baby.

London Borough of Hounslow v B

Representation of a parent in care proceedings concerning a child beyond parental control.

London Borough of Hounslow v T

Representation of a parent in care proceedings concerning allegations of neglect, lack of supervision resulting in injuries, domestic violence and psychological difficulties.

Hertfordshire County Council v C

Representation of a parent in care proceedings concerning allegations of factitious medical syndrome.

London Borough of Wandsworth v W

Representation of a parent in care proceedings concerning allegations of drug abuse and mental health difficulties.

London Borough of Wandsworth v P

Representation of a maternal aunt in care proceedings in her application for a SGO.

Chief Constable of X v S

Representation of the police in forced marriage proceedings concerning allegations of serious honour based violence and forced marriage.

LBO Lewisham v M

Representation of the local authority in forced marriage proceedings in the Court of Protection concerning issues of capacity, duress and forced marriage.

Chief Constable of X v F

Representation of the police in forced marriage proceedings concerning allegations of serious honour based violence and forced marriage.

X v Y Various

Representation of both male and female Applicants in forced marriage proceedings.

Memberships

- Family Law Bar Association