

LUBEYA RAMADHAN

Year of call
2000



Lubeya Ramadhan is a family practitioner specialising exclusively in cases involving children. Lubeya undertakes work in all areas of law relating to children including public and private law, adoption and international law. Lubeya is committed to achieving the best possible outcome for her clients and is ranked in Chambers and Partners and the Legal 500.

Lubeya has a particular interest and expertise in mental health and mental capacity, and also undertakes cases within the Court of Protection, with an emphasis on health and welfare matters. In all areas of her practice, Lubeya is able to form a rapport with vulnerable clients and regularly represents individuals with cognitive or learning difficulties and those with mental illness. Lubeya regularly acts for parties who lack litigation capacity.

In care proceedings Lubeya is known for representing local authorities, parents, children's guardians and competent children in complex cases involving serious allegations of abuse such as non-accidental injuries, neglect, sexual abuse and factitious or induced illness. Lubeya's cases frequently involve complicated medical evidence and calling or cross-examining medical experts as trial.

Lubeya's instructions in private law proceedings generally involve cases with protracted disputes between parents or where there are complex issues relating to mental health, substance misuse, domestic abuse allegations or alienating behaviours. Within Lubeya's private law practice, fact-finding hearings will often be necessary to determine the factual matrix for the final hearing. Lubeya is experienced in drafting focused schedules of allegations.

Lubeya is experienced in issues relating to the international movement of children including Hague Convention child abduction proceedings and leave to remove applications. Lubeya also acts in applications under the court's Inherent Jurisdiction and in Article 21 applications relating to international child access arrangements.

Lubeya has an approachable manner and gives clear, pragmatic advice. In court she is an effective and

determined advocate, robust where a case demands it and committed to fighting her client's case. Lubeya started her practice as a criminal practitioner; she is an effective cross-examiner with a forensic and methodical approach. She is always meticulously well prepared, appearing at all levels up to the Court of Appeal but predominantly in front of Circuit Judges and High Court Judges.

Lubeya is the Legal and Governance Trustee for [Future Youth Zone](#), a youth zone charity in Barking and Dagenham.

LEGAL EXPERTISE

Private Law Children Proceedings

Regularly instructed in residence, contact and specific issue applications. Particular expertise in lengthy and complex disputes where there has been involvement of children's services or where it is necessary for a Guardian to be appointed. She has significant experience of protracted litigation where one of the parties is implacably hostile or there is evidence of parental alienation.

Experienced in international and domestic relocation cases.

Selected Cases

[Re E \(SGO Ukraine\) \[2024\] EWHC 263 \(Fam\)](#)

[Re S \(A Child\) \[2013\] EWCA Civ 1254](#)

Successfully acting for a father in resisting an appeal brought by a stepfather against findings made that he had sexually assaulted his step daughter. Complex fact-finding case involving allegations of sexual abuse made by a young child against her father.

[S v B](#)

Fact-finding and final hearing involving allegations of rape, arson with intent to endanger life and threats to kill.

[W v W](#)

Fact-finding involving allegations of serious physical and emotional abuse.

[B v B](#)

Final hearing involving implacably hostile mother.

F v S

Successfully represented mother in her application for permission to relocate to Poland.

Care Proceedings & Adoption

Lubeya is experienced at representing parents and guardians in care proceedings. She has a wealth of experience in cases involving non-accidental injuries, emotional, physical and sexual abuse and cases of chronic neglect.

With previous experience in criminal law, Lubeya is an experienced trial advocate and brings a forensic and thorough approach to cases. The majority of her cases involve complicated fact finding and final hearings where it is necessary to challenge expert medical and/or psychological evidence.

Selected Cases

[A Local Authority v AA \[2022\] EWHC 1596 \(Fam\)](#)

[Re K and C \(Children: Finding of Fact\) \[2018\] EWFC B85](#)

[M \(A Child\) \[2018\] EWCA Civ 2043](#)

Successfully resisted a father's appeal against an order to return his 15-year-old daughter to England from Thailand when he had absconded with her during care proceedings.

Acting for the children in a fact finding involving serious burns to a 3 week old baby.

Representing a parent in a 'baby shaking' case.

Re P

Fact finding and final hearing with concurrent criminal proceedings.

Child Abduction

Lubeya is an experienced practitioner in the field of child abduction. She is instructed in cases concerning;

- Applications for summary return under the 1980 Hague Convention
- Wardship
- Applications pursuant to the inherent jurisdiction of the High Court.

Selected Cases

Re Z (A Child) (Inherent Jurisdiction: Stranding: Significant Harm) [2025] EWHC 281 (Fam)

Re S: (Children - New Evidence) [2024] EWCA Civ 1265

Successful in the Court of Appeal. Having obtained permission to appeal on all grounds in a complex international children case where the children had been removed to this jurisdiction from Afghanistan, an application was pursued by the team to adduce fresh evidence in the case. The Court of Appeal set aside all the findings of fact made by the first instance judge and remitted the matter for a fresh hearing. The Court of Appeal were persuaded that the Ladd v Marshall principles were satisfied in admitting the fresh evidence and that the Respondent's opposition to the appeal, upon the grounds that it was said to be academic, should be overruled.

AO v LA [2023] EWHC 83 (Fam)

AA v BB & Ors [2022] EWHC 2322 (Fam)

BD v BJ [2023] EWHC 1613 (Fam)

Court of Protection

Lubeya has extensive experience in dealing with mental capacity cases in the Court of Protection. Lubeya acts for local authorities, protected parties and their family members in a wide range of circumstances. Lubeya also acts in cases brought under the inherent jurisdiction of the High Court to protect vulnerable parties.

Lubeya has experience of cases where there is dispute between local authorities in relation to safeguarding duties and care/support needs.

Lubeya specialises in personal welfare applications under section 16 Mental Capacity Act and best interests decision across all domains including residence, contact and care packages that may involve a deprivation of liberty. Lubeya is frequently instructed in cases involving capacity to consent to marriage with concurrent family proceedings for Forced Marriage Protection Orders.

Lubeya also acts in section 21A applications challenging authorisations of deprivation of liberty in a care home or hospital.

Lubeya is a member of the Court of Protection Bar Association.

Forced Marriage

Lubeya is experienced in cases where allegations of forced marriage have arisen, whether this is within private law disputes or proceedings involving local authorities. Within the context of applications for Forced Marriage Protection Orders, Lubeya has acted for local authorities, parents and the individual to be protected. She is always conscious about the sensitive circumstances in which such cases arise.

Memberships

- Court of Protection Bar Association
- Family Law Bar Association
- The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple

Education

- Blackstone Award, Middle Temple
- Jules Thorn Scholar, Middle Temple
- LLB (Law), University of Sussex