



Hena Vissian

Barrister

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Specialist areas

Adoption and Special Guardianship
Care Proceedings
Child Arrangements
Domestic Violence

Profile

Hena is reputed to be a tenacious advocate, who takes a sensitive yet robust approach whilst being mindful, down to earth and child-focused with clients. Hena is well respected by those who instruct her and the court alike.

Hena is well known for her forensic analysis and thorough preparation of cases. She has extensive experience cross-examining experts, professional and other witnesses assisted by her early career at the Criminal Bar where she regularly appeared in trials concerning rape, sexual assault and historical sexual abuse.

She represents parents, children's guardians, competent children and intervenors alike with particular expertise in:

- Sexual abuse including rape and familial abuse
- Non-accidental /inflicted injury
- Cases involving individuals with learning difficulties (and the use of Intermediaries)
- Cases involving cultural conflict

Hena is experienced and regularly accepts instructions in matters involving:

- Non-accidental injury
- Sexual abuse (including familial abuse and rape)

- Fabricated and/or induced illness
- Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)
- Deprivation of liberty
- Chronic neglect and abuse
- Domestic violence
- Cultural conflict
- Forced marriage and honour based violence
- Drug and Alcohol misuse
- Clients with learning difficulties and disabilities
- Clients with mental health difficulties
- Hearing impaired families
- Concurrent criminal proceedings

Education

University:

University of Leicester (BA: Law, Philosophy, Psychology and Drama) (1993-1996)

Brunel University (MA: Criminal Justice) (1996-1998)

Law School:

University of the West of England (2001-2002)

Memberships

Lincoln's Inn
Midland Circuit

Languages

In addition to English as Hena's first language she fluently speaks Kutchi and Gujarati and is able to speak Hindi and Punjabi at a conversational level.

