



Practice

Malek specialises in the law relating to children, in particular representing all parties in public law proceedings including, care, supervision secure accommodation and adoption. He has been instructed by the Official Solicitor on numerous occasions and also by NYAS. He has also represented r9.5 Guardians in private law cases. A large proportion of his work is in the High Court.

Malek regularly represents parties in cases involving serious non accidental injuries, sex abuse, physical abuse as well as neglect. He has a particular interest in representing families (parents and children) that are over represented in the care system such as ethnic minority families, travelling families, those with disabilities and those with uncertain immigration status. Over the years Malek has developed a practice of representing children who have separated from their Children's Guardians and other very troubled young people including teenage Mums. His skills lay in very thorough preparation and a forensic analytical approach to complex facts, evidence and the relevant law. This enables him to carefully weigh the need for experts in cases and to identify need of particular expertise required for both fact finding and the welfare planning for children's long term future.

Malek is said to have a "... charming but devastatingly effective style of cross examination."

Malek prides himself in managing the very fine balance between empathising with vulnerable and needy clients but maintaining a professional distance enabling him to be dispassionate and thorough without the tragic circumstances of the case clouding the issues. He is approachable and friendly and is able to put very nervous and frightened clients at their ease. This however does not compromise his ability to give realistic and often very harsh but robust and practical legal advice. It is imperative in his view to remember the humanity of the individuals involved in cases that come before the Courts without losing sight of the need to cross examine and forensically test the evidence.

Training

Malek has provided training to professionals involved in child care litigation including solicitors, social workers and Guardians.

Other activities

Malek is on the steering group of the Lesbian and Gay Lawyers Association, is a committee member of the Bar Lesbian and Gay Group. He is a former teacher of public law at the School of Oriental and African Studies.

He is a member of the Bar Council Sex and Diversity Committee and the Diversity Sub Committee of the Family Justice Council

Societies

Family Law Bar Association and Association of Lawyers for Children.

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1991

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