



Bansi Soni

YEAR OF CALL: 2003

Bansi Soni's practice spans the whole breadth of Family Law, but crucially she has a depth of specialisation within each of her practice areas. She is also particularly aware of and able to deal with the specific challenges faced by ethnic minority communities within Family Law litigation.

Her knowledge of South-East Asian languages and the social, cultural and financial practices of the Asian subcontinent, allows her to deal with these cases sympathetically yet effectively.

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FAMILY LAW: CHILDREN'S LAW

Bansi is briefed on all forms of private law proceedings representing parents and children. Her areas of expertise include:

All forms of Section 8 Children Act 1989 applications, including matters involving allegations of physical or sexual abuse

Matters relating to children of mixed race parents, or involving a foreign element in residence and contact issues

Cases where psychiatric evidence relating either to parents or children is required

Bansi's Public Law work covers instructions from local authorities, parents and other parties and guardians ad litem with cases that include;

Complex medical evidence

Confidentiality and disclosure

Applications in which issues arise in relation to foreign jurisdictions, immigration or where placement of children outside the jurisdiction is proposed.

CROSS-BORDER FAMILY CASES

Bansi completed her pupillage at the set of Henry Setright QC, with a specialisation in child abduction and forced marriage. She has experience in:

All aspects of international child disputes including abduction to and from non-convention countries

Enforcement and registration of orders made in foreign countries

"Mirror orders" in countries where no international treaty is in force

Brussels II Regulations

Forced marriage cases in the Indian-subcontinent.

FAMILY LAW: FINANCIAL REMEDIES

The spectrum of financial cases which Bansi undertakes is wide, and ranges from disputes where the assets available for the court allocation are insufficient, or only just adequate to provide for the parties to those where the parties' means are of substantial value. She has particular expertise in:

Cases with complicating factors such as an international dimension, dowry cases and disputes involving insolvency, bankruptcy and liquidation

Applications under Schedule 1 of the Children Act 1989

Cases brought under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975

Applications pursuant to the Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act 1996

The Civil Partnership Act 2004

Judicial separation and nullity.

FAMILY LAW

Domestic Violence

Bansi is able to provide representation and advice in relation to injunctive relief under Part IV of the Family Law Act 1996 and the Protection from Harassment Act 1997.

EDUCATION

BA (Hons) Sociology (London)

Post Graduate Diploma in Law (BPP Law School)

Bar Vocational Course (BPP Law School)

Lady Templeman Award (Middle Temple)

Scholarship to represent Middle Temple as an ambassador in India. Bansi was shown around legal India from New Delhi through to Bangalore.

Princess of Wales Scholar (Middle Temple)

Lawrence Atwell Exhibition

LANGUAGES

Gujarati

Hindi

Urdu

Punjabi (knowledge of)

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