

SIMA KOTHARI

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EXPERIENCE

Sima is a highly experienced family practitioner specializing in all aspects of the law relating to children with a particular emphasis on public law. She represents local authorities, parents, children and other family members at all levels of court. She has been regularly instructed in matters involving complex medical evidence of non-accidental injuries often with concurrent criminal proceedings, including matters where an older sibling is alleged to have died as a result of inflicted injury. Sima is also regularly instructed in serious cases in which allegations of sexual abuse are made as well as matters of serious emotional abuse. Sima has been instructed as a Leading Junior.

She regularly represents parents and children in complex private law proceedings and her easy and highly accessible approach has often been invaluable in tense cases with litigants in person. Sima undertakes direct access work.

Sima has a very hands on approach to her cases which she is keen to case manage in partnership with her instructing solicitor. She has a firm but approachable style and is able to put both lay and professional clients at ease very quickly. Her case preparation is thorough and meticulous and this coupled with a realistic yet robust approach ensures that even the most difficult circumstances are managed smoothly and efficiently.

Sima's languages and knowledge of the culture of the Indian sub-continent, her ability to connect with individuals from this background, together with her many years of experience as a family lawyer makes her ideally placed to represent any party in forced marriage applications or in cases which involve an element of this.

PRACTICE AREAS

Children

EDUCATION

LLB, 2.1 from SOAS, University Of London

LANGUAGES

Fluent Gujarati

Fluent Hindi

Good working knowledge of Urdu

Good working knowledge of French

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Family Law bar Association

Gray's Inn