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OVERVIEW

Sima is an experienced leading junior specializing in the law relating to children with an emphasis on public law. She represents local authorities, parents, children, and other family members at all levels of court. Sima manages complex cases with skill and sensitivity and has a robust yet approachable style.

PRACTICE AREAS

Public Law Children

Private Law Children

Direct Access

EXPERIENCE

Sima is 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. She 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 in several lengthy cases in the High Court.

She also 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 has a very hands-on approach to her cases which she is keen to case manage in partnership with her instructing solicitor throughout the case. She can be relied upon to provide excellent advice promptly and prides herself on efficiently identifying the salient issues in every case. She invariably leads the case discussions proving workable solutions.

In court, Sima 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 has excellent antennae for the key issues in every case and her focussed and direct advocacy style is often judicially commended.

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 and in FGM cases or in cases which involve an element of this.

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

LLB, 2.1 from SOAS, University Of London
Family Law bar Association
Gray's Inn

LANGUAGES

Fluent Gujerati
Fluent Hindi
Good working knowledge of Urdu
Good working knowledge of French
