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## OVERVIEW

Tosin is a very passionate and committed barrister who takes great pride in representing and promoting his clients' best interests. Tosin specialises in all aspects of family relating to relationship breakdowns. His practice covers matrimonial and Financial Remedy Proceedings; applications for Child Arrangement Orders, including international relocation and Schedule 1 applications.

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## PRACTICE AREAS

Children Public  
Children Private  
Family Finance

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## EXPERIENCE

Tosin adopts a very patient and meticulous approach to all his cases, placing great emphasis on the importance of listening and absorbing the views and concerns of his clients. He is particularly adept at engendering the trust and confidence of his clients, providing them with a sense of calm and stability in often very trying circumstances. He is acutely aware of the privileged position he has attained and strives to convey a sense of humility and appreciation.

### Family Finance

Tosin has a wealth of experience in all aspects of family breakdown and finance. He is known for being a tough but fair negotiator, who strives to achieve a swift settlement in cases where that is the most reasonable and cost-effective option. However, where matters have had to be contested, clients have been able to rely on Tosin's experience as a robust, incisive, and diligent advocate

## **Children**

Tosin has built up a reputation as a particularly skilled advocate in the field of private law children act disputes. His practice covers all applications under the Children Act 1989, including child arrangement orders and applications under Schedule 1 of the Children Act. Tosin has dealt with applications involving allegations of domestic violence, alcohol/drug misuse and the more difficult cases involving implacable hostility, including those where the children have been made parties to the proceedings.

Tosin is also very experienced in the field of international relocation. He has successfully advised and represented many clients, in their efforts to relocate their families away from the jurisdiction. Clients are known to have found Tosin's calm, patient and 'down to earth' approach, especially useful in helping them resolve legal issues that are often intertwined with raw and deeply held emotions.

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## **TESTIMONIALS**

*"I instructed Tosin under the Public Access Scheme and was extremely impressed by his strong technical skills but more importantly by his excellent attention to client care. Tosin took considerable time to explain the court procedures and requirements as well as the details of the case including all potential outcomes, which alleviated much of my concerns and stress. I was also extremely impressed with Tosin's strong focus, attention to detail and the level of preparation he devoted. Tosin provided tenacious questioning where needed and a meticulously prepared closing statement and successfully won my case for me. I would definitely recommend him, especially for Public Access Clients."*

**Public Access Scheme Client, Ms. F. Cheung**

*"I have almost 40 years' experience dealing with lawyers, and Tosin Oguntayo is one of the best I have come across – knowledgeable, efficient and compassionate."*

**Public Access Scheme Client, Narinder Kapur, Visiting Professor of Neuropsychology, University College London**

*"I have instructed Tosin for at least ten years. I consider him to be a very able and conscientious Counsel. He has represented many of my clients over the years and I have never received anything but praise for him from them. I have attended court with him and consider him to be an extremely able advocate. By the same token, he will also attempt to negotiate whilst presenting a calm and kind influence on the client."*

**Lynn Philpott, Stantons Solicitors**

*"I have known Tosin for a number of years in his capacity as a Matrimonial Counsel. At all times I have found him to be dependable, hard-working, conscientious, honest, and courteous and most importantly professional; I trust him to carry out my instructions to the letter and to do his very best for my clients. He has an excellent legal mind; he is astute and methodical without being dogmatic. I have been advised by our local District Judges on more than one occasion that "the Counsel you used on the case of X was extremely good."*

**Jon Charles, Richard Wilson Long Solicitors**

*“I have had the pleasure of working closely with Tosin for over five years. We would not hesitate to instruct Tosin on any family matter. I have attended several court hearings with Tosin, and he is a very confident and respected advocate. His focus and attention to detail and level of preparation, are second to none. The feedback from clients is always hugely positive.”*

**Sallianne Cockerham, Southampton Row Solicitors.**

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## **CASES**

Re O (A Child) 2013 [2012] EWCA Civ 1576

Re O (Residence) [2012] EWCA Civ 1955

Re O (A Child) (Residence) [2012] ALL ER (D) 39 (Dec)

On 5 December 2012 Tosin successfully appeared in the Court of Appeal on a relocation case before LJ Thorpe, LJ Rimer and LJ Patten. Tosin acted for the applicant mother in the original PRFD proceedings before HHJ Cryan. After a 6-day trial the mother succeeded in her application for leave to remove the child from the jurisdiction. The father appealed to the Court of Appeal, instructing leading Counsel, however the appeal was unanimously dismissed.

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## **EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

MA (Cantab)

LLB (Hons)

LLM (Lond)

Family Law Bar Association

Education

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