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OVERVIEW

Winner of the award for the Family Law Young Barrister of the Year (LexisNexis 2021) and shortlisted for the Family Law Junior Barrister of the Year (LexisNexis 2023), Srishti is sought after for her approachable, technically astute manner. She wins the trust of the court as well as her clients, navigating the high conflict of cases with momentum and tenacity. She has an eye for detail and is particularly experienced with vulnerable clients and cases involving complex cultural considerations.

PRACTICE AREAS

Public Law Children
Private Law Children
Finance and Private Client
Human Rights
International Family Law

EXPERIENCE

Srishti has a prolific research background. In 2020, she co-authored a critical analysis of the government's panel report on the risk of harm to children and parents in private law cases; the precursor to the Domestic Abuse Act 2021. Later that year, she published a tripartite article in the summer issues of the Family Law Journal. Her work undertook an intersectional analysis of race and gender, and the application of the welfare principle in child radicalisation cases.

Her comprehensive interest in the law underpins her broad-ranging practise. Within public and private disputes concerning children, Srishti has worked on cases involving FGM, forced marriage, factitious illness, parental alienation, and intra-jurisdictional disputes. Srishti also has experience of

complex matrimonial finance cases involving material non-disclosure and set-aside applications under S.37 of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973.

Srishti offers training and advice to multiple pro bono organisations and has co-lead a seminar series for LawWorks on the proper approach to case managing domestic abuse and parental alienation cases.

Separately, Srishti is a trained civil and commercial mediator, and is dedicated to diversity and equality at the Bar. She is a founding member of Bridging the Bar, partnering with over 70 chambers and the Supreme Court to provide mentorship and work experience to aspiring barristers from underrepresented backgrounds. She reverse mentors with the Bar Standards Board, and co-chairs chambers' own Diversity and Equality committee. Srishti also sits on the scholarship committee for the Family Law Bar Association.

TESTIMONIALS

"Family law barrister, Srishti Suresh was excellent to work with in a very trying time for me. She was extremely personable and confident and so I found her a reassuring guide through what had been a very distressing process. In a few short days, Srishti changed my life for the better and I'm supremely grateful." **Lay client**

"Chambers have a very capable and knowledgeable barrister in Ms Suresh [...] I am sure she will go very far in her career." **District Judge**

"Srishti is incredibly thorough and well-prepared in her work. She brings a real energy and determination to each individual case. She is a clear and coherent advocate who instils confidence in the client and really gets her point across in the courtroom. Srishti is always approachable and a pleasure to work with." **Instructing solicitor**

"Srishti Suresh [...] absolutely outstanding. She was fully prepared and made me feel at ease and comfortable as soon as I greeted her. She was professional and extremely knowledgeable. I would definitely recommend her." **Client**

"Miss Suresh handled my case very professionally with a very attentive and intellectual approach. Her knowledge around child arrangements was very reassuring and I definitely recommend her as she will go above and beyond. She kept me well informed each step of the way and debriefed very thoroughly after the court procedures [...] she made the whole experience easier." **Client**

"You have a real diamond in this young woman." **Instructing solicitor**

"Srishti is excellent. She couldn't have put the case better. I'm really impressed with her and I'm looking forward to working with Srishti on other cases. She has a very bright future." **Instructing solicitor**

CASES

YM (Care Proceedings) (Clarification of Reasons) [2024] EWCA Civ 71

Unger and another (in substitution for Hasan) (Appellants) v Ul-Hasan (deceased) and another (Respondents) [2023] UKSC 22

Re N (A Child) (Instruction of Expert) [2022] EWCA Civ 1588 London Borough of Z v A, B, C, D, E, F & Ors [2022] EWFC 63

PUBLICATIONS

S Suresh, 'The welfare assessment in radicalisation cases under the Children Act 1989: to what extent do race and gender influence judicial intervention in the family home?' [2020] Fam Law 605, 730, 899 (cited in Emergency Remedies in the Family Courts (LexisNexis, 2021))

H Gomersall and S Suresh, 'A "major overhaul" of family courts to protect domestic abuse victims... or a re-branding exercise?' (Family Law Week, 6 July 2020)

AWARDS

LexisNexis: Family Law Junior Barrister of the Year 2023 (nominated)

Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2022: Diversity and Inclusion Future Leader (nominated)

LexisNexis: Family Law Young Barrister of the Year 2021 (winner)

Society of Asian Lawyers: Rising Star 2021 (nominated)

SOAS University of London: Best Overall LL.M Dissertation Prize Winner

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

BA (Jurisprudence) – University of Oxford

LL.M Legal Practice (Distinction), BPTC (Very Competent) – BPP Law School

LL.M Law and Gender – SOAS University of London

Fellow, Royal Society of Arts

Family Law Bar Association

Liberty

LANGUAGES

Tamil (native)

French (professionally proficient)

Hindi (intermediate)
