



Sarah Hirech
(2012) Barrister

Specialist Areas

Private Law Children: Residence and Contact

Family: Finance

Immigration

Out of Court Solutions (NCDR)



Who is Sarah Hirech?

Sarah joined Chambers in August 2016 following the successful completion of pupillage. Sarah has a busy practice consisting of family and immigration matters and has been recognised as a Leading Junior in the Legal 500 in respect of immigration matters.

Prior to pupillage Sarah worked for a year as Assistant Private Secretary to the Advocate General for Scotland in Whitehall. Sarah was called to the Bar in July 2012, after completing a first degree in Applied Business Management at Imperial College London, converting to law and completing the BPTC. Following the BPTC, Sarah worked as an advocate in the First-Tier Immigration Tribunal, presenting a wide range of immigration cases on behalf of the Respondent.

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No.18 Chambers is a distinguished set of barristers based in Southampton, recognised for its strong reputation and presence across the South Coast of England. Our expertise cover a range of practice areas, including Family Law (Care Proceedings and Adoption, Private Law Children, Matrimonial Finance), Employment, Chancery and Commercial Law, Property Disputes, together with Dispute Resolution and Mediation. Our members are committed to delivering expert legal advice and representation to clients nationwide, offering extensive experience in handling both complex and sensitive matters.



Legal Expertise

For more information or to get in touch with Sarah please contact the clerks room who will be happy to assist you.

Private Law Children: Residence and Contact

Private Law Children: Contact and Residence Disputes Under the Children Act 1989

Sarah has a busy private law practice, with experience representing: parents, step-parents, grandparents and Rule 16.4 Children's Guardians in contentious matters.

Sarah is regularly instructed on complex matters including residence disputes, fact find hearings, enforcement proceedings and cases involving both national and international relocation, allegations of domestic abuse and parental alienation.

Domestic Violence & Injunctions

Sarah is experienced in injunctive proceedings under the Family Law Act 1996 and has acted on behalf of the Applicant and the Respondent in applications for Non-Molestation Orders and/or Occupation Orders.

In cases where there are allegations of domestic abuse, Sarah has assisted clients in achieving findings that domestic violence has occurred. In situations where false allegations have been made Sarah has enabled clients to successfully challenge any allegations against them.

Family: Finance

Divorce & Separation

Sarah regularly accepts instructions in financial remedy applications on behalf of both the Applicant and Respondent. She has experience in advising and representing clients on matters which include inheritance issues, non-matrimonial assets and pension funds from First Directions Appointment through to Final Hearing.



Legal Expertise Continued

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Immigration

Prior to joining Chambers Sarah worked as an advocate on behalf of the Secretary of State for the Home Department in the First-Tier Immigration Tribunal. Sarah has gained a wealth of experience in all types of immigration appeals including matters involving: deportation, asylum, settlement, trafficking and human rights.

In practice Sarah acts predominantly for appellants in immigrations cases and has been recognised as a Leading Junior who is “recommended for appeals overlapping with domestic violence, human rights claims and deceptive applications” in the Legal 500, 2020.

Outside of court, Sarah regularly provides written advice to solicitors on both personal and business immigration matters. Sarah often provides advice as to the relevant immigration rules applicable and the documentation required in order to assist clients in making a successful application.

Sarah has delivered training on both business immigration matters and changes to the immigration rules which impact individual applications.

Out of Court Solutions (NCDR)

Private FDR

Single Joint Advices/Early Neutral Evaluation

Round Table Meetings/Joint Conferences

Merits, Advice, Drafting And Support Package



Professional Info

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Qualifications

Bar Professional Training Course, The University of Law (Very Competent)

LL.B(Hons), The University of Law

Graduate Diploma in Law, The University of Law

BSc (Hons) Applied Business Management, Imperial College London (2.1)

Membership

Middle Temple Young Barristers' Association

FLBA

ILPA

Awards

Legal 500, 2021 for Immigration

Bar Council & FLBA International Professional and Legal Development Grant (2020)

Legal 500, 2020 for Immigration

Lord Diplock Scholarship, Middle Temple (2011)

College of Law Scholarship (2011)



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Publications

Private Law Children and Matrimonial Finance Advocacy Seminar, June/October 2019

Immigration Law Seminar, January 2018

Business and personal immigration law update, ILPA Southern Group, June 2016.

Personal Info

Outside of Chambers Sarah enjoys foreign travel, skiing and is a qualified ballet and tap teacher.



Reviews

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Quick to understand and take on board instructions in detailed and complex cases. Sympathetic to sensitive subjects, particularly for clients with applications related to family life in the UK. Representations are concise and to the point.
- Legal 500

Sarah is an exceptionally capable barrister with finely tuned advocacy skills, she is particularly adept in dealing with complex and highly contentious children proceedings, often with very serious allegations. I have no hesitation in recommending her to anyone needing robust representation in family law matters, in my experience she has worked tirelessly for the benefit of my client not to mention always being on hand when needed by those instructing her.
-Paul Linsdell, Stowe Family Law LLP

Recommended for appeals overlapping with domestic violence, human rights claims, and deceptive applications -
Legal 500

Sarah Hirech is bright, personable and really knows the law. When she represents them, clients feel taken care of and they win, both are important. - Tamara Rundle, Immigration Solicitor

I have had the pleasure of working with Sarah on a variety of cases including matrimonial finance, children matters and Family Law act cases. I have also experienced her acting for the other party to such cases. Hugely tenacious on her feet, clients never fail to be impressed with Sarah's advocacy and assertive, yet constructive, presentation. Sarah is also very engaged with her instructing solicitors, the end result being a very smooth running legal team. Highly recommended. - Jennifer Williamson, Blake Morgan

Sarah is liked by clients, respected by the Home Office, and regularly nodded at by judges - Legal 500