



Aadhithya Anbahan

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Overview

Aadhithya Anbahan is a Barrister specialising in Housing and Regulatory law.

Aadhithya's approachable and likeable manner accompanies her reputation as a confident, forthright and fearless advocate for her clients. She is noted for her methodical and analytical approach alongside meticulous preparation.

Aadhithya regularly appears in the full range of housing matters before the High Court, Circuit Court, District Judges, Magistrates and Youth Court. She is well equipped at dealing with all aspects of housing law, including proceedings relating to possession, injunction, contempt, committal and closure orders.

She also enjoys a wide and varied regulatory practice, through which she has represented education boards, local authorities and the police in a range of hearings from closure orders and non-police prosecutions to parole board hearings and tribunal matters. Aadhithya is often instructed in a range of regulatory matters before the Magistrates and Crown Court and is well-versed in the conduct, law and procedure of such cases. Aadhithya recently successfully prosecuted the first trial under Part II of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

Aadhithya is considered to be an eloquent, articulate and persuasive advocate with gravitas beyond her years. She is noted as having a professional and affable manner with clients, solicitors and judges alike. Those instructing her are willing to trust Aadhithya with cases well beyond her call due to her keen eye for detail, client care, impeccable conduct and preparation.

Practice Areas

Regulatory

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Aadhithya is considered to be a meticulous advocate who acts in a timely and efficient fashion with regards to preparation. She is trusted by those instructing her for having complete command of her case and for her personable and likeable manner as noted by clients, solicitors and Judges. Aadhithya is considered as a persuasive and eloquent advocate who acts fearlessly in promoting her client's case and position.

Aadhithya accepts instruction in all Regulatory matters commensurate with her call.

Further information

Aadhithya was previously employed by the Civil Service as a Home Office Presenting Officer, representing the Secretary of State regularly in Asylum, Human Rights, EEA Regulations, general Immigration, Points-Based System, Entry Clearance and Visit Visa appeals at the First Tier AIT Tribunal.

Before commencing pupillage at St Ives Chambers, Aadhithya spent six months working in the USA with the Jackson, Mississippi Office of Capital Post Conviction Counsel, investigating and providing legal services on final stage Death Penalty cases. During this time Aadhithya routinely met and conducted conferences with clients incarcerated on “death row”, interviewed a wide range of witnesses, professionals and jurors and investigated historic crimes. This was done alongside the general breadth of paralegal duties such as drafting notices of appeal, skeleton arguments and extensive legal research.

Aadhithya has particularly valuable experience dealing with vulnerable individuals and those with mental health concerns through time spent working in the NHS with the Greater Manchester CRISIS outreach and Mental Health Teams. During this time she operated the Mental Health Services help line and is familiar with psychiatric and psychological assessments of those with a wide range of mental health and learning difficulties.

Housing

Aadhithya regularly appears in the full range of housing matters before the High Court, Circuit Court, District Judges, Magistrates and Youth Court. She is well equipped at dealing with all aspects of housing law, including;

- Possession
- Injunctions
- Contempt and committal
- Closure Orders
- Anti-social behaviour and nuisance
- Disrepair
- Equality Act and Public Law Defences
- Succession
- Trespass

Aadhithya’s approachable and likeable manner accompanies her reputation as a confident and fearless advocate. Aadhithya is well able to appreciate and appropriately handle the subtleties and nuances of any case and is always highly prepared and organised in her approach. She is considered a persuasive and eloquent advocate who acts steadfastly in promoting her client’s case and position.

Aadhithya is considered to be a trusted and highly competent junior barrister for her year of call. She is highly adept at appearing in all hearings from first possession hearings and without notice injunctions up until trial. Aadhithya recently represented the Claimant local Council in complex legal arguments on the interface between the service of NTQs and the provision of discretionary accommodation under the Housing Act 1996; an area of law on which there are no determined authorities.

Aadhithya is regularly instructed by local authorities and Association’s alike on closure orders and has developed a niche practice in such proceedings in the Magistrates Court and on appeal to the Crown Court. She also routinely advises clients in relation to more specialist ASB related litigation.

Aadhithya’s experience in working within the NHS Mental Health Services and her ability to fairly deal with those suffering from such conditions has been of great value to her conduct of housing cases and she regularly deals with matter involving complex Equality Act and public law defences.

Aadhithya actively participates in Chambers’ training circuit and has provided training to registered providers, local authorities and solicitors on key aspects of housing law. She also provides regular housing updates through both chambers

and SHLA publications.

Aadhithya welcomes instructions in paper-based work and is able to settle pleadings, skeleton arguments and written advice within tight timescales. She looks forward to expanding her housing practice and accepts instructions in all Housing matters commensurate to her call.

Further Information

Aadhithya is firmly committed to the global advancement of access to justice and in 2018 spent time volunteering with the African Prisons Project (APP) in Kampala, Uganda. Her time in East Africa included delivering legal aid clinics and advocacy workshops to maximum security inmates, in order to further their legal education and equip them with the necessary skills to represent themselves and their peers in Court.

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Aadhithya has served as an elected member of the Young Bar Committee (YBC) since 2016 and is the current Midlands Circuit representative. She is also one of 11 nationally selected Bar Council Social Mobility Advocates for the #IamtheBar campaign.

Aadhithya is currently a Visiting Guest Lecturer with the University of Law, Birmingham on both its LPC and BPTC courses in civil and criminal law.

Qualifications

2:1 - LLB hons Dunelm - Law, University of Durham (Trevelyan College)

Very Competent - Bar Professional Training Course, University of Law (London, Bloomsbury)

Membership

The Midlands Circuit

The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple

Young Barrister's Committee

The Criminal Bar Association

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A keen participant in Mooting and Mock Trial competitions over the years; Aadhithya ranked 1st with the Durham University team at the 2012 preliminary UK National Rounds of the Philip. C. Jessup International Moot Court. Aadhithya is also active as a moot court judge and regularly judges competitions such as the Oxford University Press moot competition national semi-final, the University of Law GDL mooting competitions and both oral and written components of the Phillip C Jessup International Moot. She also supports school mock trial teams as a Barrister mentor.

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Awards/Scholarships

The Inns of Court Trust Pegasus Scholar 2017

Phillip C Jessup 1st Ranked team UK Preliminary Rounds

Phillip C Jessup 1st Ranked Applicant Memorial

Kay Leaving Exhibition

The Oliver Entwistle Prize for Academic Achievement

Languages

Tamil (Native Speaker)

Recomendations

Chambers & Partners 2022: "Aadhithya is excellent on housing litigation and adopts a friendly, approachable and likeable manner, which helps to put lay clients and witnesses at ease."

Legal 500 2022: "Approachable, personable and friendly. Aadhithya able to very quickly get to grips with an instruction and provide advice which is both thorough and practical."

Chambers and Partners 2021: "She is thorough and a robust advocate who offers very practical yet clear advice. Clients love her."

Legal 500 2021: 'Rising Star' "An excellent advocate and very confident in submissions considering every angle from which to approach a case."

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Shortlists/Awards

