



Tom Lawal

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Overview

Tom Lawal is an experienced Barrister focusing on Housing law and Private Children law.

Tom accepts instructions in all areas of housing law and has a growing reputation amongst instructing Solicitors nationwide. Tom has extensive experience in a wide range of housing matters and is regularly instructed to attend multi-day trials, committal applications, injunction and possession proceedings, in addition to drafting pleadings and advice on complex legal and factual matters.

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Practice Areas

Housing

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Tom is particularly acknowledged for his affable manner with lay witnesses, his thorough preparation and his engaging court manner. Tom believes in a collaborative approach to each set of instructions and is more than willing to discuss the preparation and tactics to each case he is instructed in. This approach regularly leads to a narrowing of issues and favourably outcomes for his professional and lay clients. Passionate and committed, Tom is often praised for his meticulous and tactically astute approach to each and every set of instructions.

Tom is an active member of the housing law team and was a speaker at the team's annual conference. He is willing to provide training in all areas of housing law.

To find out more, email civilclerks@stiveschambers.co.uk.

Private Law Children

Tom is a specialist and experienced private law practitioner. Tom's family practice focuses exclusively on representing parents, children and grandparents in complex and sensitive private law matters. Tom is regularly instructed in a broad range of private law matters concerning;

- Complex Child Arrangement proceedings.
- Multi-day finding of fact and welfare hearings.
- Allegations of parental alienation.
- Proceedings regarding international relocation/international elements.
- Cases relating to serious allegations of physical and/or emotional abuse against a parent and/or child.
- The need to instruct experts and appoint Children's Guardians.

Tom is regarded as a robust and incisive advocate who approaches each case with passion, care, determination and desire to achieve the best possible outcome for his lay client. Tom is renowned for his ability to find solutions to complex private law matters.

Tom's previous experience in relation to acting for Local Authorities, Parents, Grandparents, Children and interveners in complex public law proceedings provides him with a wealth of experience in a wide-range of Children Law matters. In addition, Tom's Masters in Human Rights Law provides a solid practical and legal foundation for his approach to family cases.

Tom is particularly noted for his affable and client focused manner and he is widely acknowledged for the meticulous approach he brings to every case he handles.

Tom accepts Public Access cases where appropriate.

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Qualifications

LL.B (Hons)

LL.M (International Human Rights)

Bar Vocational Course (Very Competent)

Prizes and Awards

Black British Business Awards 2015 – Leader of the Year for Professional Services

Birmingham Law Society Legal Awards 2011 – Pupil Barrister of the Year

Undergraduate Law Prize for Outstanding Contribution to Law

Mayor of Greenwich Award for Outstanding Achievement in Education

National Holocaust Memorial Day Society: International Student Representative and the House of Commons Presentation Runner-up

Recommendations

Chambers & Partners 2020: "He is extremely thorough and has the likeability factor so he is very easy to get on with." "He always gets fantastic results and he is a joy to work with."

Chambers & Partners 2019: "He is incredibly easy to work with. He also has great technical ability and excellent judgement." "A fantastic advocate who is great at getting results for clients."

Chambers & Partners 2018: "He is energetic and you can tell he has a good understanding of what's going on. He's also really good on his feet and gets on well with clients." "His way of cross-examination is very charming and he also has a great eye for detail."

Chambers & Partners 2017: "He's a real fighter, who is very vivacious and very protective of his clients and witnesses when he's in court." "He has a great rapport with clients and offers sound, pragmatic advice."

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