



# Zara Mahmood

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## Overview

Zara has a mixed common law practice and currently accepts instructions in areas of family and civil.

Zara is a skilled and meticulous advocate who is committed to achieving the best outcome for her clients by taking a thorough and analytical approach in all of her cases.

Zara is known for her personable manner and her ability to build an excellent rapport with her clients.

## Practice Areas

### Public Law Children

Zara has a varied and busy practice as a public family practitioner.

Zara regularly appears on behalf of local authorities, parents and children (through their guardians) at all stages of hearings including interim hearings, case management hearings, issues resolution hearings and final hearings. Her experience includes cases involving chronic neglect, domestic abuse, drug and alcohol misuse as well as parents with limited cognitive functioning.

Zara has also gained significant experience in dealing with the following matters:

- Contested removal applications
- Part 25 applications
- Applications to discharge care orders
- Contested adoption orders
- Zara is a determined and confident advocate who is commended for her meticulous attention to detail and analytical approach. She is well known for her approachable manner and her ability to build a positive rapport with both solicitors and clients.

Zara accepts instructions in all public law children matters and is actively seeking to grow her practice in this area, commensurate to her year of call.

## Private Law Children

Zara has a diverse and growing private law practice. She receives instructions acting on behalf of parents, children (through their FPR 16.4 Guardian) as well as extended family members in all private family law proceedings, including matters that involve:

- allegations of parental alienation and implacable hostility
- allegations of domestic (physical and sexual) violence
- alleged substance (drug and alcohol) misuse.

Zara is popular with both solicitors and clients and is regularly instructed to appear at directions hearings, final hearings and fact-finding hearings.

Zara has particular experience dealing with a range of private family law matters, including:

- Child Arrangements Orders
- Applications to vary a Child Arrangements Order
- Specific Issue Orders
- Special Guardianship Orders
- Prohibited Steps Orders
- Non-Molestation Orders

Zara accepts instructions in all private law children matters and is actively seeking to develop her practice in this field commensurate to her year of call.

## Housing

Zara has a busy and broad housing practice, representing housing providers, landlords and tenants at all stages of proceedings.

Zara is skilled and confident advocate who is commended for her meticulous attention to detail and analytical approach. She is well known for her approachable manner and her ability to build a positive rapport with both solicitors and clients.

Zara is well equipped at dealing with a range of housing matters, including:

- Possession
- Injunctions
- Anti-social behaviour and nuisance
- Contempt and committal
- Disrepair

Zara is also regularly instructed to draft statements of case and advices in housing proceedings, particularly in respect of possession and injunction claims. Zara is, therefore, keen to assist her clients from an early stage in proceedings.

Zara accepts instructions in all housing matters and is actively seeking to grow her practice within this field.

## Business & Property

Zara is a hard-working and conscientious advocate, seeking to develop her experience in the field of Business and Property.

Throughout the course of her pupillage, Zara was regularly instructed in fast-track and small-claims trials.

Zara accepts instructions a wide range of property matters including applications under the Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act 1996.

## Family - Finance

Over the course of her pupillage, Zara has been instructed in a variety of family finance matters. Zara is known for her meticulous attention to detail and her ability to negotiate fair settlements on behalf of her clients.

Zara accepts instructions to act on behalf of parties at all stages of family finance disputes.

## Qualifications

Bar Professional Training Course, Nottingham Law School, 2018

Master of Laws in International Law (LLM), University of Nottingham, 2016

Bachelor of Laws in Law (LLB Hons), University of Leicester, 2015

## Scholarships

Nottingham Law School's Dean's Professional Scholarship for Academic Excellence, Nottingham Law School, 2017.

The University of Nottingham Masters Scholarship, University of Nottingham, 2015.

Chancellor's Scholarship, University of Leicester, 2012.

## Memberships

The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple

Family Law Bar Association

West Midlands Family Law Bar Association

Midlands Circuit

## Recent Publications

["For every promise, there is a price to pay" Re-visiting the Doctrine of Proprietary Estoppel in Guest v Guest \[2020\] EWCA Civ 387](#)

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