

WESTGATE CHAMBERS

Komal Patel

Barrister



"I have been particularly impressed with her careful and meticulous preparation, her quick grasp of the relevant issues and the speed with which she has reported back. Mrs Patel had completed calculations for various possible scenarios and provided these to us in a spreadsheet which will now form the basis of future negotiations— a novel approach which no other Counsel has utilised in my 20-year experience."

Komal joined Chambers upon the successful completion of her pupillage.

Before coming to the Bar, Komal was an advocate in a national firm of solicitors, working in mental health law. She regularly appeared in the first-tier tribunal on behalf of patients subject to the Mental Health Act. She appeared for patients detained under a variety of provisions, and the focus of her practice was on complex cases concerning patients in forensic services.

Komal accepts instructions in all areas of family law including Financial Remedies and divorce, as well as Care Proceedings and Private Law applications involving child arrangements

In addition, given her prior experience, Komal also has a particular interest in cases involving mental health needs.

Financial Remedies

With regards to Financial Remedies, Komal advises and represents parties at all stages of financial remedy disputes, including enforcement of final orders.

Komal also accepts instructions in financial remedies proceedings, having represented applicants and respondents in FDA and FDR hearings, final hearings, application, and enforcement hearings.

Komal has more specific experience in representing clients with assets secured in foreign countries and in advising and representing parties in all stages of TOLATA matters, including Early Neutral Evaluation Hearings.

Year of Call: 2018

Core Practice Areas:

Family, Financial Remedy,
Private Law, Care Proceedings

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Private Law/Child Arrangements

Within the field of private law, Komal is instructed on a wide range of private law children proceedings, representing both applicants and respondents. Komal regularly attends FHDRAs, DRAs, and multi-day fact-finding hearings and final hearings as well as hearings in enforcement proceedings.

Komal also has experience in cases involving domestic violence and injunctions having represented parties at all stages of applications for protective injunctions, including emergency applications.

Care Proceedings

Within the field of public law, Komal represents all parties at all stages of care proceedings including parents, grandparents, and Guardians.

She also accepts Local Authority instructions and recently represented the Local Authority in an 8-day contested final hearing involving multiple experts and interpreters.

As well as her family law practice, Komal also welcomes civil law instructions. She has experience in prosecuting matters on behalf of Local Authorities and other agencies, appearing in matters involving the Education Act, Environmental Law, Benefit Fraud, Licensing, Health and Safety and Trading Standards Prosecutions.