

Elizabeth Wark

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Practice Overview

Elizabeth Wark -Ranked: Rising Star-FAMILY: CHILDREN AND DOMESTIC ABUSE -'Elizabeth is a real asset. She is kind, caring, and goes above and beyond for her clients. Her advocacy is extremely strong, and she is able to get to the real root of the issue.' **Legal 500 2026**

Elizabeth practises across all areas of family law:

Financial Remedies Nuptial Agreements Private Children Public Children Schedule 1 Children Act 1989 Family Law Act 1996

Elizabeth is frequently instructed to appear in contentious Fact-Finding Hearings and Final Hearings, in both private and public children proceedings, with a focus on those which involve serious allegations of domestic abuse and neglect.

In public law cases, Elizabeth acts both for parents and for Local Authorities.

Elizabeth practises in civil law and chancery:

Cohabitation / Trusts of Land & Appointment of Trustees Act 1996 Cases involving claims about Undue Influence & Duress

Seminars

2020: 'Forgery: General Principles, Practice and Procedure' **2021:** Setting Aside a Financial Remedy Order - Where Are We Now? A Look at Current Law and Practice in Light of BT v. CU (2021) EWFC 87 **2022:** Where are we now? The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 & Case Update. Delivered alongside Anushka Kangesu **2024:** Current Issues in Modest Asset Cases: Part 1. Delivered alongside Laurence Cooper. Considered two issues (i) What's in the Pot? 'matrimonialisation' after Standish v Standish [2024] EWCA 567 and (ii) The 'Chimera' Problem - Family Loans & Resources **2024:** in house seminar to a firm of solicitors on 'relocation' **2024:** Speaker - Introduction to Mooting Workshop -City Women in Law Society -City Uni **2024** -Judge -Student Mooting Competition -City Women in Law Society -City Uni

2025: in house seminar to a firm of solicitors on Nuptial Agreements. **2025** - Current Issues in Modest Asset Cases: Part 2. Delivered alongside Laurence Cooper. Consideration of (i) Conduct (ii) Costs and (iii) Non-Court Dispute Resolution. **2025:** forthcoming -in house seminar to a firm of solicitors to provide a public law update

Elizabeth is available to deliver tailored seminars to solicitors to assist with individual training needs. These may be arranged either in person or via remote (video) link. Please contact the clerks to arrange.

Articles

'Setting Aside a Financial Remedy Consent Order in Covid Pandemic Times' on the Transparency Project Blog, August 2021 -'<https://transparencyproject.org.uk/setting-aside-a-financial-remedy-consent-order-in-covid-pandemic-times-hw-ww2021-ewfc-b20/> Setting Aside a Financial Remedy Order -Where Are We Now? A Look at Current Law and Practice in Light of BT v. CU (2021) EWFC 87. This was a two-part article, published in the March and April 2022 edition of Lexis Family Law. Final Divorce Orders -a 'Particular Category', Transparency Project Blog August 2024 - <https://transparencyproject.org.uk/final-divorce-orders-a-particular-category/> 'The

Latest on Nuptial Agreements: Three Recent Cases, Part 1' -December 2024 -Lexis Family Law - https://www.familylaw.co.uk/news_and_comment/the-latest-on-nuptial-agreements--three-recent-cases--part-1
'The Latest on Nuptial Agreement: Three Recent Cases -Part 2' -January 2025 -Lexis Family Law - https://www.familylaw.co.uk/news_and_comment/the-latest-on-nuptial-agreements--three-recent-cases-part-2--key-practice-points
'Final Curtains at the Intermission? Final Orders at Interim Hearings -When and Why -Part 1' -May 2025 -Lexis Family Law -You can access the full article here. Forthcoming -'Final Curtains at the Intermission? Final Orders at Interim Hearings -When and Why -Part 1' -June 2025 -Lexis Family Law

Advocacy

January 2022 -Vulnerable Witness Training -Family Law Bar Association, London March 2022 - *Advocacy Skills Workshop* -*Australian Advocacy Institute, Sydney* September 2022 - *Advanced International Advocacy Course, Keble College, Oxford* January 2024 -*Advanced Trial Advocacy, Australian Bar Association, Sydney* Forthcoming -May 2025 -*Advanced Trial Advocacy, Trial Lawyers Section of the Florida Bar, Levin College of Law, University of Florida.*

Other Roles

London Resolution Committee 3DJB Marketing Committee 3DJB Pupillage Committee 3DJB Mini-Pupillage Coordinator

Previous Professional & Advocacy Experience

Prior to coming to the Bar, Elizabeth practised as a Registered Nurse at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in her hometown of Sydney, Australia. She completed a two-year post-graduate training programme in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU).

This experience gives Elizabeth a unique insight into complex family problems and the difficulties individuals have in navigating the system when dealing with extreme stress, trauma and mental or physical ill health. Elizabeth represented Middle Temple Inn at the European Universities Debating Championship in 2017, University College London at the World Universities Debating Championship in 2018, and was secretary of the Middle Temple moot team at the 2017 Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition. In 2015-16 whilst undertaking the BPTC Elizabeth volunteered on the Vocalise pro-bono scheme which involved teaching debating in schools and prisons.

Her broad interests are reflected by various summer internships, including at the Bar Pro Bono Unit (now 'Advocate'), M&decins Sans Frontières in Madrid and ACI (The Financial Markets Association). Elizabeth takes on pro-bono work for Advocate as and when she is able.

Qualifications

Bachelor of Nursing, University of Technology, Sydney
Graduate Diploma in Law, City University, London (Commendation)
Bar Professional Training Course, City University, London (Very Competent)
LLM (International Commercial Law), UCL (Distinction)

Memberships

Honourable Society of Middle Temple
Resolution
Family Law Bar Association
Anglo-Australasian Lawyers Society
Britain-Australia Society
Association of Lawyers for Children
Royal Over-Seas League

Areas of Practice

**Family**

Domestic Violence

Family Finance

Public Children Law

Private Children Law

Civil

Contract, Company and Commercial

Chancery

Other Interests

Outside of the law, Elizabeth enjoys travel and medium distance running. She ran in the London Landmarks Half Marathon in 2021 to raise money for Advocate.

Indira Varma

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Practice Overview

Indira joined Chambers as a tenant in October 2024, upon the successful completion of her pupillage under Emily Beer, Lisa Peacock, Amy Stout, and Mark Jones. Indira welcomes instructions in the full scope of family and civil law.

Indira regularly represents clients in highly contested private children and family law act proceedings. She often appears in cases where there are serious allegations of domestic abuse, stalking, forced marriage, parental alienation, and intractable contact disputes. Indira is focused on supporting extremely vulnerable clients during all stages of domestic abuse proceedings and has a particular specialism in dealing with matters involving honour-based abuse as well as coercive and controlling behaviour.

In addition, Indira has extensive experience in public children law. She has represented Local Authorities as well as parents at all stages of care proceedings and is dedicated to supporting her clients navigate their way through emotional and complex hearings. Indira often appears in cases involving chronic neglect, child abuse, and children with significant additional needs. She also has appeared in DOLs proceedings.

Indira is developing her practice in financial remedy proceedings. She has represented clients at First Appointments and at FDRs. Her ability to negotiate robustly and effectively has resulted in many of her cases settling at the FDR stage in favour of her clients.

Further, Indira also has experience in civil law and has advised on TLATA and housing matters. She has successfully represented clients in property disputes as well as in bankruptcy, and insolvency proceedings.

Prior to commencing her pupillage, Indira was a paralegal at a Tier 1 specialist family law firm focused on public children's law. During her time there, Indira built a solid background in working with Local Authorities and Children's Guardians.

Indira was previously an advocate for the charity Karma Nirvana where she provided essential support to victims of honour-based abuse and forced marriage. She has extensive experience in supporting clients in complex and often life-threatening situations.

In addition, Indira was part of two campaigns that successfully criminalized virginity testing and child marriage. She also assisted with the campaign to raise the age of consent for marriage to eighteen.

Indira has provided pro-bono support to Dad's House, a charity dedicated to supporting single parents through private family proceedings.

During her legal studies, Indira spent time working at the Human Rights Law Network in New Delhi where she assisted on cases concerning abortion rights, child trafficking, and religious divorce.

Indira is qualified to accept instructions under the Bar Council Public Access Scheme.

'She is really nice and friendly and really professional; she was really solution focussed.' -**Lay client**

"Indira was absolutely outstanding — a true gem. She was exceptionally well prepared, took the time to explain everything to me step by step, and genuinely listened to my concerns and wishes. Her advice was spot

on, and most importantly, she made me feel protected and truly represented in court…. I'm very grateful for her work" -**Lay client**

"Indira is an incredibly intelligent, passionate, and dedicated advocate who is committed to achieving positive, practical outcomes for clients in the least acrimonious way possible. She has a rare empathy for her clients, going above and beyond to ensure they feel listened to and very well supported. Indira's strategic mind and shrewd professionalism makes her a powerful, impressive and unstoppable opponent in the Court room. However, her genuine care for clients and the pride she takes in her work shines through in every matter she takes on. She seems to thrive in high pressure situations and can handle whatever curve balls are thrown at her with her trademark composure and focus. I could not recommend her more highly." -**Instructing Solicitor**

Degree/University

BPC (The University of Law)

Mediation Qualification (Phoenix Dispute Solutions Ltd.)

MA Law Conversion (The University of Law)

Advanced Hindi Language Certificate (American Institute of Indian Studies, Jaipur)

B.A Hons in Hindi, South Asian Studies, and History (SOAS, University of London)

Memberships

FLBA

Her Bar

Honourable Society of Gray's Inn

Languages

English

German

Hindi

Urdu

French