

Richard Alamo

Family

Year of Call: 1990

Email Clerks: family@no5.com



Richard's practice covers all aspects of financial remedies and children work. He also provides advice and representation in child support and cohabitation disputes.

In the financial remedies' sphere, Richard has been instructed in cases on behalf of high net worth individuals and companies involving substantial assets located in and outside the UK, business valuations, section 37 MCA 1973 applications, variation of settlements under section 24(1)(c) MCA 1973 and issues of non-disclosure.

Additionally, Richard has been instructed in claims under Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975, Schedule 1 Children Act 1989 and Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act 1996.

In his children work Richard is regularly instructed on behalf of parents, local authorities and children. He has been instructed in cases involving allegations of serious physical and sexual abuse, fictitious illness, death in the family, unlawful killing, female genital mutilation, and parental alienation.

Notable Cases

Kelly-Lambo v Lambo [2022] EWHC 2672 (Ch)

Dispute about the entitlement to the grant of letters of administration as between surviving spouses.

M v M [2021] EWHC 2540 (Fam)

Acted for the successful respondent in an application under the inherent jurisdiction of the High Court for an order for the return of the subject children from Scotland to England.

R. (on the application of H) v Secretary of State for Health and Social Care [2019] EWHC 2095 (Admin): Birth certificate; Surrogacy

Claim by a child for a declaration that the inability of her genetic father to be named on her birth certificate, by reason of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 s.35 and s.38, amounted to a breach of her rights under ECHR art.8 and art.14

R (G) v HCC; Admin Court 20th December 2018: Placement orders

Represented the successful claimant (mother) in judicial review proceedings to quash a decision by the local authority to place her children with prospective adopters.

Lambo v Kelly Lambo [2018] EWHC 2960 (Ch): Administration of estates

Acted for the successful claimant in this family dispute over funeral arrangements.

R-E (Children) [2018] EWCA Civ 953

Acted for the first appellant in this appeal which considered whether there had been an “unfair summary disposal” of the parents’ application for a rehearing of care proceedings.

Kiarie and Byndloss v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2017] UKSC 42 [2018]

Acted for the Byndloss children in this appeal which considered whether certification under section 94B of the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 complied with the procedural and substantive requirements of article 8 ECHR.

M (Children - Care Proceedings: Passport Order) [2017] EWCA Civ 69

Whether it is permissible to make an open-ended passport order at the conclusion of proceedings.

GO v EN, MN, BN [2014] EWHC 3622 (Fam)

Issues of parental alienation

LB v FM (2013) EWHC 4671 Fam

Represented the Mother in a 2 week trial in the High Court involving allegations that the father had unlawfully killed one of his children.

Re G and E (Children) (Vulnerable Witness) [2011] EWHC 4063 (Fam)[2013] 2 FLR 1556

Represented the mother in this family case involving allegations of sexual abuse against the father. The Court had to consider whether the victim should give oral evidence.

Re B-A (Children: Care Proceedings: Joinder of Grandmother) [2011] EWCA Civ 1643; [2012] 2 FLR 382

Represented the Mother in this appeal concerning the fairness of a case management decision.

Re J [2011] (CA)

Whether, in the absence of representations from named respondents to an appeal, a county court judge had the power to allow an appeal from a decision of the Family Proceedings Court after considering the appellant’s notice of appeal and supporting documentation.

Re E (A Child) [2011] EWHC 3453 (Fam)

Represented the putative father in this 'miracle baby' case.

Re N [2010] (Croy C.C):

Represented a parent in this case involving the murder of two young children.

Re B [2008] (FD)

Represented a parent in the 4 week trial of this case involving allegations of intergenerational sexual abuse.

Re O [2008] (FD)

Represented a parent in this case involving the murder of a 10 week old baby.

Re A [2007] (FD)

Advised and represented a foreign state in applications for disclosure and party status in care proceedings.

Re M(Residence Order) (FD) [2007] ALL ER (D) 315

Consideration of the application and operation of section 10(5A) Children Act 1989 in the context of ongoing care proceedings.

Re H [2005] (FD)

Represented a parent in a multi-party case involving the murder of a 5 day old baby.

Re M (Care Proceedings: Disclosure: Human Rights) [2001] 2 FLR 1316: Review of authorities on applications by the Police for disclosure in care proceedings.

Re C (A Minor), [1996] unreported. Courts should adopt a flexible approach in the application of procedural rules in cases involving children.

Memberships

Housing Law Practitioners' Association

Discrimination Law Association

Family Law Bar Association

Human Rights Law Association

Accredited Mediator for civil disputes

Qualifications

University of London LLB (Hons); LLM (Human Rights); PG Diploma In'tl Comm Arb.