

Abid Mahmood

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"Abid Mahmood is exceptionally talented at drafting clear and precise challenges on public law matters, which have resulted in many successful outcomes for clients."

Chambers UK 2024 (Administrative & Public Law/Immigration)



Abid Mahmood Head of the Court of Protection team. Abid is an award winning barrister in respect of Private Client matters.

His work and experience cover a wide range of areas of law, including Immigration, Matrimonial Finance and Family Law, Court of Protection Property and Affairs, Serious Medical Treatment, Health and Welfare, Inheritance Act, Business and Property Law.

Expertise

Immigration, Asylum & Nationality

Abid Mahmood is one of the foremost practitioners in Immigration, asylum and nationality law.

His practice spans successful cases at all levels, including at the Supreme Court and Court of Appeal which have shaped the law for over 20 years.

He has been recognised in the leading directories in three separate areas of law for both the Regions and London over decades.

In Immigration and Business Immigration he is recognised as one of the leading practitioners. He has appeared in and succeeded at the highest courts, including at the Supreme Court and Court of Appeal. He advises governments, local authorities, individuals and businesses. He has visited other jurisdictions to provide advice and to provide lectures.

He has over 30 years' experience as a barrister and has been sitting as a part time Judge since 2006. His other areas of expertise include human rights law with judicial review, commercial law, court of protection and family law.

Business Immigration

In respect of immigration work he is regularly instructed in business and commercial issues concerning high net worth clients and ultra-high net worth clients from around the world. Recent clients have been from the Middle East, USA, India, Pakistan, Russia,

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China, and South Korea. These applications have included Tier 1 investor applications and extensions, entrepreneur applications, business visas, medical visas and numerous others.

He is known for having a commercial outlook to his work and to being able to assist with providing tailor made solutions for challenges which arise in more difficult cases.

He has a dedicated human rights practice and has appeared in some of the leading cases.

Court of Protection

Abid Mahmood is recognised by the leading directories for his extensive expertise in Court of Protection Health and Welfare and Property and Affairs.

He has appeared in numerous Serious Medical Treatment cases at the Court of Protection and in respect of the Inherent Jurisdiction of the High Court. These have included cases in which there has been national media interest relating to life support cases.

Abid Mahmood's extensive experience in finance makes him particularly adept in the work of Court of Protection Property and Affairs and deputyship orders. He has frequently appeared on behalf of Government Departments, Local Authorities, The Office of the Public Guardian, individuals and Trusts. His skills in judicial review are frequently put to good use when issues of NHS funding and disputes arise in respect of which local authority ought to fund placements.

Family

Abid Mahmood has over 30 years experience as a barrister and has been a Judge of the County Court (Recorder) in family law for 16 years.

His practice encompasses a variety of areas of law which transcend private client matters.

He is particularly adept at those cases with complexity in respect of matrimonial finance involving businesses, farms and inheritance. He has represented numerous professionals and business persons, including for and against lawyers as parties and other professionals including doctors, sports persons and others.

Family Law Finance

In family law finance, Abid's recent high value cases have included international property issues with substantial property portfolios in the UK and elsewhere in the GBP millions. Other cases have involved high net worth business ownership and family structure/estates following divorce. His recent cases have included family finance trials lasting several days. He is instructed on behalf of both spouses and interveners in such cases. His experience is in respect of financial remedies on divorce and property disputes following the separation of non-married couples.

Estates & trusts

Abid has specialist experience in contentious probate, on issues of upholding or challenging the validity of wills under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) Act 1975. He is very experienced in Court of Protection work including Statutory Wills, the removal and appointment of Deputies and costs of deputies. This enables him to have a 360-degree view of what might arise in family finance cases.

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Property

Abid has extensive experience in chancery work involving the beneficial ownership of property, encompassing issues of proprietary estoppel, undue influence and constructive trusts. This has a direct bearing on family law finance following cohabitation. Recent cases include the crossover between the Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act 1996 and section 37 MCA.

Care Proceedings / Adoption / Private Law / International Movement

Abid is one of the few barristers able to use his experience in immigration law and international movement to deal with cases with the complexities which arise. He has regularly been instructed to provide reports and opinions in such cases for the High Court and is instructed by all parties to appear in such cases.

Capacity and Mental Health

Abid has been instructed by local authorities, the Official Solicitor, Guardians and families in respect of cases with mental health issues, particularly those cases with young people aged 16 to 18. Here, Abid is able to draw upon his experience of High Court and Court of Protection work.

Other recent instructions include Human Rights Act damages cases for both local authorities and claimants arising out of issues concerning placements, unlawful detention of children and failures in foster placements.

He is regularly instructed by all sides including the Official Solicitor and local authorities in forced marriage cases, and trafficking cases.

His previous experience as one of the Attorney General's Special Advocates dealing with national security cases enables him to have a good understanding of disclosure and protection matters.

Contempt of Court and Committals

Abid has appeared in High Court and Court of Appeal cases in serious contempt cases. He is also the author of a book (August 2021) "Contempt of Court and the New Rules" published by Law Brief Publishing.

Business & Property

Abid Mahmood has over 30 years experience as a barrister and has been sitting as a Judge (Recorder) in the County Court for 16 years alongside his practice at the Bar.

His commercial law, including Business and Property work, regularly leads to appearing against KCs in respect of a wide range of matters including contempt of court (in which he has authored a book), Inheritance Act matters, injunctions, partnership disputes and dissipation of assets.

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Public Law

Abid Mahmood has over 30 years experience as a barrister and has been a Judge of the County Court and Crown Court (Recorder) for 16 years alongside his practice at the Bar.

He has appeared in ground-breaking Judicial Review cases and is recognised as an expert in this field of law in the Legal 500 and Chambers UK.

Awards



Accreditations

- Asian Professional Awards Barrister of the Year 2023
- Shortlisted for LALY Awards for Barrister of the Year
- Shortlisted for Barrister of the Year by Birmingham Law Society

Memberships

- Deputy Upper Tribunal Judge (IAC)
- First-Tier Tribunal Judge (IAC)
- Recorder of the County Court (civil and family law)
- Recorder of the Crown Court

Appointments

- Recorder of the Crown Court (since 2008)
- Recorder of the Family Court (since 2008)

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- Nominated Judge of the Court of Protection
- First-tier Tribunal Judge (Immigration and Asylum Chamber) since 2006
- Deputy Upper Tribunal Judge (Immigration and Asylum Chamber) since 2015
- Former Attorney General's Special Advocate Founder and former Head of Immigration Group at No5 Barrister Chambers

Languages

- Punjabi
- Urdu
- Basic French
- Spanish

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