

Baldip Singh Aulak

Call: 2013

"Baldip has strong interpersonal skills. He is empathetic and able to explain complex issues to vulnerable clients. He is a skilled litigator, and his advocacy in court is always persuasive."

Legal 500 - Family (London) - Ranked: Tier 2



Baldip Singh Aulak is a leading Junior in Family Law, with over a decade of experience in the field of International Family Law.

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While Baldip is an exceptionally effective advocate and highly experienced in court disputes, he is equally passionate about alternative methods of Dispute Resolution particularly Arbitrator.

Baldip is licensed to accept Direct Public Access work.

Expertise

Family

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Matrimonial Finance

Baldip offers advice and advocacy services across all facets of divorce, encompassing financial remedies. Renowned for his insightful counsel supported by a keen business and commercial awareness, he brings expertise to cases involving trusts, business assets, overseas assets, pension issues, and cases with third-party interests.

Regularly engaged in intricate cases, particularly those featuring high net worth individuals, Baldip is an expert on matters where assets are abroad, hidden or dissipated. A keen rider himself, he holds a niche interest in cases representing Equestrians and in animal disputes. Widely recognised as a formidable negotiator and highly skilled advocate, both in and out of court, he possesses a keen eye for detail and has an excellent manner with judges. Demonstrating an track record, he has achieved success in interim stages and contested final hearings including successfully arguing conduct cases to get his client the best results.

Private Law Children

Baldip provides advice and representation on all issues relating to the care and upbringing of children arising from a family breakdown. He represents mothers, fathers, children, and other family members in disputes regarding child custody, arrangements for where the children should live, or the time they should spend with each parent. This includes specific issues such as schooling, medical treatment, religious upbringing, or taking children abroad temporarily or permanently.

He possesses a wealth of experience in representing parties in complex and intractable disputes, including parental alienation, child abduction, private adoptions, and urgent cases requiring injunctions, wardship cases and those involving the inherent jurisdiction of the High Court. Baldip is also well-versed in the enforcement of orders related to children's arrangements in instances where a party fails to comply with court orders.

Notable and reported cases

SK v RO [2023] EWHC 2896 (Fam) – this case involved significant allegations of Honour Based violence and the use of the Attorney Generals, special advocate's scheme.

Re. C (Parental alienation: permanent removal to Germany) [2023] EWHC 1955 (Fam) – In this case Baldip represented the child in a case arguing in favour of international relocation.

A v B (Port Alert) [2021] EWHC 1716 (Fam) – Baldip successfully opposed an application for Wardship in the High Court. In this landmark decision given by Mr Justice Mostyn, His Lordship gives guidance on applications for free standing port alert orders in the Family Court and encourages local agreements to be reached so that a number of adjacent DFJ areas combine to provide an urgent business judge rota.

Public Law Care

Baldip's Public Law practice encompasses all aspects of care proceedings and adoption. He represents Local Authorities, parents, family members, and Children in the complete range of Part IV proceedings, participating in numerous lengthy fact-finding and final hearings that last weeks, and appearing in appeals at all stages up to the Supreme Court.

He has been instructed in cases involving medical, expert and scientific evidence; cases involving allegations of factitious and induced illness; the perpetration of non-accidental injuries; baby death cases, cases raising allegations of radicalisation to

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extremist thought and terrorism, and sexual abuse. He has also appeared in cases involving Wardship proceedings in Public Law, abduction during proceedings, Forced Marriage Protection Orders, and honour-based violence. Additionally, he has successfully contested Care, Placement, and Adoption Orders.

Baldip also appears in the National Deprivation of Liberty Courts (DOLS Court), known for his robust advice and creative solutions to best protect vulnerable young people in his cases. He provides counsel to authorities on their policies and procedures, as well as on the evidence in individual cases.

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Supreme Court

H-W (Children) (No 2) (Rev1) [2022] UKSC 17 – Baldip represented the Second respondent father dealing with the fundamental principle of proportionality in care proceedings.

Court of Appeal (Civil)

E (A Child: Care Proceedings Fact Finding) [2023] EWCA Civ 858 – in this case Baldip represented the Child, successfully opposing the appeal made by the appellants.

Re H-W (Children: Proportionality) [2021] EWCA Civ 1451

High Court

W-Z (Children : Welfare Decision) [2023] EWFC 94

X-Z (Children : Fact-Finding) [2022] EWFC 193

WW, XX, YY & ZZ (Children), Re [2018] EWFC 94

Awards



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- Recipient of The Legal Style Award 2023
- Family Law Awards – LexisNexis 2022
- SikhHelpline – Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service 2022
- Charity of the Year – SikhHelpline – Sikhs Awards 2014
- Duke of Edinburgh Entrance Award (Inner Temple) 2013
- Inner Temple Major Scholarship and Exhibition Award 2012
- Frank Burns Gahan Scholarship 2012 (Inner Temple)

Memberships

- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Appointments

- Advocacy Trainer, Inner Temple
- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators 2023
- Bar Council International Committee 2022
- Inner Temple International Committee 2023
- Pupil Supervisor 2022
- Inner Temple – Special Ambassador to India 2022
- Bar Liaison Committee (Inner Temple) 2020
- Chair of Sikhs in Law Association 2020
- Director of 13 Community Clinic
- Secretary of the Society of Asian Lawyers 2014-2016

Education

- BPTC, University of Law (Birmingham)
- LLB (Hons) Birmingham University

Languages

- Punjabi (Fluent)

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