

Richard Alomo

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Richard Alomo is a member of chambers Business & Property, Court of Protection, Family and Public Law groups.

Expertise

Business & Property

Richard has provided advice and representation in contentious probate disputes, property (including disputes under TLATA 1996) landlord and tenant, asset tracing, enforcement of foreign judgments, public and contract law cases.

Over the years, Richard's clients have included private individuals and organisations, small and large corporations based in and outside the UK and foreign states.

Richard is a qualified mediator for civil disputes.

Richard is also qualified to accept direct access instructions.

Notable Cases

Lambo v Kelly Lambo [2025] EWHC 2007 (Ch)

Acted for the claimant in successfully resisting the defendant's attempt to set aside a 2018 High Court judgment on alleged fraud. The court held the challenge was procedurally improper, unsupported by pleadings or evidence, and introduced unjustified new allegations. The application was dismissed in full, preserving the original judgment and related costs orders.

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

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

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

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

OD v EG (2016)

Advised and represented the Claimant in this ICC arbitration involving an oil and gas joint venture dispute.

Parr v Tiuta International Ltd EWHC 2 (QB) (2016)

Merger of judgment and variation of a charging order.

Richard Hough v Greathall Ltd EWCA Civ 23[2015] 3 WLR 587

Consideration of the relevant date, for the purposes of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954 s.30(1)(f), for ascertaining a landlord's intention to demolish and reconstruct a property

Adams and Moore Ltd v Johnson and Others EWHC 1306 (QB) (2013)

Enforcement of restrictive covenants in a contract of employment.

Intercontinental Bank (Nig) v Carrera (QBD, ChD) (2010)

Asset tracing and enforcement of a foreign judgement on behalf of a foreign financial institution.

Chambers v Chambers EWCA Civ 1165 (2007)

Application of section 50 Law of Property Act 1925

Carphone Warehouse Plc v Malekout CA, WLR (D) 155. Issue estoppel (2006)

Compromise of possession proceedings on terms that inferred the recognition by the landlord of the tenant's statutory protection. The landlord was estopped from contesting the issue concerning the tenant's statutory protection as at the date of the compromise in subsequent proceedings.

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First Global Ltd and Others v Cosias (No. 1) QBD IRLR 873 (2005)

Consideration of the scope and enforceability of restrictive covenants in a contract of employment and the application of the Protection from Harassment Act 1997 in an employment context.

First Global Ltd and Others v Cosias (No. 2) QBD ALL ER (D) 30 (2005)

Consideration of the circumstances in which a court may refrain from handing down judgement after a draft of the judgement has been disclosed to the parties' legal representatives.

Howtone v Hoather Ch D BDL 2010054684 (2005)

Property dispute between former co-habitees. Application of proprietary estoppel principles.

Smith v Spaul , CA 1 ALL ER 509 (2003)

Whether a mortgagee in possession can serve a valid counter-notice under the Leasehold Property (Repairs) Act 1938.

Nelson v Nelson and Others (Ch D) ALL ER (D) 358 (2001)

Consequences of purchasing a property in the name of a third party.

L.B. Hackney v Snowden , CA L&TR 60 (2001)

Effectiveness of a short notice to quit.

Brent LBC v Cronin , CA. 30 HLR 48 (1998)

Effect of assigning or subletting a secure tenancy.

Sokolniki Shipping Company Limited v Daxin Petroleum International Limited QBD Commercial Court. (1997)

Application to stay arbitration proceedings.

Federal Republic of Nigeria v IMS Shipping Company Limited and 7 Others

QBD Commercial Court (1995).

Instructed on behalf of the Nigerian Government in an action for damages for the conversion of 7 shipping vessels.

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Court of Protection

Richard has extensive experience across the full spectrum of Court of Protection work, acting in both welfare and property and financial affairs proceedings. His practice encompasses complex, sensitive, and high stakes matters involving the rights, autonomy, and best interests of vulnerable adults.

Welfare Proceedings

Richard is regularly instructed in proceedings under sections 16 and 21A of the Mental Capacity Act 2005. His clients include:

- P, through the Official Solicitor and Accredited Legal Representatives
- Family members and litigation friends
- Local Authorities
- Integrated Care Boards and Health Boards
- NHS Trusts

He is adept at navigating cases involving disputes about residence, care, contact, medical treatment, deprivation of liberty, and safeguarding concerns. He is frequently instructed in cases involving:

- Complex capacity assessments
- Challenges to deprivation of liberty
- Disputes between public bodies and families
- Interface issues between the Mental Capacity Act, Mental Health Act, and Children Act
- Cross border placements and jurisdictional questions

Property and Financial Affairs

Richard also acts in property and financial affairs matters, including:

- Deputyship disputes
- Allegations of financial abuse or mismanagement
- Contested applications concerning the appointment or removal of deputies
- Best interests decisions relating to property, assets, and financial arrangements

His work in this area is strengthened by his broader experience in probate and contentious estates, enabling him to advise on cases where capacity, undue influence, and financial vulnerability intersect.

Notable Cases

HD (Capacity to Engage in Sexual Relations) [2021] EW COP 15

Consideration of the test for capacity to engage in sexual relations.

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

Consideration of the issue as to whether P should give evidence at the fact-finding hearing to determine allegations of sexual abuse against her father.

Family

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

In the matrimonial finance 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 Dependants) Act 1975, Schedule 1 Children Act 1989 and Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act 1996.

In his children work, Richard has acted for local authorities, parents and children and family members. 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

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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

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[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.

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Public Law

Richard provides and offers advice and representation to individuals and local authorities in administrative law matters concerning children (applications for assistance under section 17 Children Act 1989 and detention of minors under the Mental Health Act 1983), community care (including age assessment challenges involving local and central governments), education, funding, nationality and discrimination issues.

Richard is a member of Human Rights Law Association and Discrimination Law Association.

Notable Cases

LR v Coventry City Council [2025] EWHC 20 (Admin)

Represented the local authority in a judicial review its duties to NRPF families, addressing Schedule 3 NIAA 2002, s.17 Children Act assessments, and support levels for undocumented families. The case examined the lawfulness of the local authority's NRPF policy, the adequacy of a child in need assessment for a destitute family, and Article 8 ECHR welfare considerations.

R (GW (y his litigation friend RM) v Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council [2025] EWHC 2140 (Admin)

Represented the local authority in a judicial review challenging a s.17 Children Act assessment for an NRPF family. Issues included alleged use of a "destitution threshold," forward looking housing analysis, voluntary return, and irrationality. The case involved complex safeguarding, NRPF support frameworks, housing law, and recent Court of Appeal authority on s.17.

R (LR) v Coventry City Council [2025] EWCA Civ 1408

Acted for the local authority in resisting an academic appeal regarding NRPF support under Schedule 3 NIAA 2002. Successfully argued that no public interest grounds justified determining statutory construction or Article 8 issues after the claimant obtained leave to remain.

N v A Local Authority [2023]

Represented the defendant local authority in an application for permission to apply for a judicial review of the defendant's decision regarding the claimant's age. Application resisted on grounds that the statement of facts contained significant factual inaccuracies and the claim was founded on a wrong premise. Claimant was compelled to withdraw his application.

S v A Local Authority [2023]

Represented the defendant local authority in an application for permission to apply for a judicial review to challenge the defendant's age assessment on the grounds that the conclusion of the age assessment was wrong as a matter of fact and procedural unfairness in that there was (i) an absence of a minded to process, (ii) absence of an appropriate adult during the assessment, (iii) improper reliance placed on the appearance and demeanour of the claimant and (iv)

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failure to comply with the duty of reasonable inquiry. Permission refused in respect of the procedural unfairness grounds.

King (on the application of QP) v Coventry City Council [2023] UKAITUR

Represented the respondent local authority in its successful defence of a challenge to its age assessment in judicial review proceedings.

King (on the application of HA) v Coventry City Council [2023] UKAITUR

Represented the respondent local authority in its successful defence of a challenge to its age assessment in judicial review proceedings.

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

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Whether certification under section 94B of the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 complied with the procedural and substantive requirements of article 8 ECHR.

AB v Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority

[2014] (Admin): Represented AB who was seeking to retrieve gametes from her partner (who was in a vegetative state) so that she could conceive their child.

LB Ealing v Dormer, [2009] (CA):

Whether the decision not to grant a tenancy of a property to the ex-partner of the original tenant who had long abandoned his tenancy breached, inter alia, Article 8 ECHR and the sex discrimination legislation.

AK (Russia, Chechnya deserter) v Secretary of State for the Home Department

[2004] UKIAT 00294: Application of paragraph 171 of the UNHCR handbook.

Krotov v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2004] 1 WLR 1825

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Whether a particular conflict must be condemned by the International community before refusal to participate in the same can found an application for refugee status under paragraph 171 of the UNHCR Handbook.

Dempsey v London Borough of Camden [1998] UKEAT 1212-97-2002:

Assertion of public interest immunity before Employment Tribunal. Resulted in introduction of practice direction applicable to cases where public interest immunity is asserted before the Employment Tribunal.

Sanderson v Ministry of Defence , (EAT) [1996] IRLR 139:

Guidance on compensation for pregnancy dismissal from the armed forces.

Allen v Canon Hygiene [1994] UKEAT 632-91-103 IRLB:

Sex Discrimination. Irrelevance of motivation for discriminatory act.

Cobbold v Immigrants Advisory Bureau [1993] UKEAT 519-91-2610:

Sex Discrimination. Irrelevance of motivation for discriminatory act.

Powell v Wandsworth Borough Council [1996] (CA)

Renewed application for judicial review in the Court of Appeal. Discovery of privileged documents and cross-examination in judicial review proceedings.

Qualifications

- University of London, LLB (Hons) University of London, LLM (Human Rights)
- University of London, PG Diploma In'tl Comm Arb.
- Regent's College, School of Psychotherapy and Counselling,
- Accredited Mediator for civil disputes

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