

Anushka Kangesu

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Practice Overview

Anushka is over 10 years call, and has built up a broad and busy practice across all Chambers' practice areas. She is a sought after and persuasive advocate, known for her diligent and conscientious approach and strong client care skills. Anushka is sensitive to the stresses of litigation and combines her expertise with an approachable and empathetic manner.

Anushka has a busy caseload with a loyal solicitor following. She is instructed across a cross section of family law and her practice in both financial remedy and children act applications allows her to bring valuable knowledge and experience to her cases. She is committed to her clients, providing them with invaluable support, and is regularly sought to be retained on a case from beginning to end.

Anushka's matrimonial finance practice encompasses all areas of financial remedy proceedings and she is regularly instructed in more complex matters including contested divorces, allegations of non-disclosure, and cases with an international aspect. She accepts instructions in Schedule 1 and TOLATA claims. She enjoys legal research and is frequently instructed in advisory work relating to more specific areas arising in matrimonial finance claims such as costs, separation agreements and child maintenance. Anushka has given various seminars within her specialisms and was invited to speak at the Young Resolution Herts Webinar Series, 2023. Anushka's private children law practice includes applications for relocation both within and outside the jurisdiction, child arrangement disputes and cases where there are serious allegations of domestic abuse and parental alienation. She is particularly interested in high conflict cases and is regularly instructed in cases requiring a rule 16.4 guardian.

Anushka has gained experience across a wide range of public children law work, and represents local authorities, parents and children in public children proceedings. Her cases have included issues such as deprivation of liberty, assisting family members such as grandparents and designation disputes between local authorities. Her family practice also includes representing clients in applications relating to injunctive relief under the Family Law Act 1996. She is regularly instructed to represent vulnerable clients and those with learning and mental health difficulties. Anushka has completed the FLBA Vulnerable Witness Training, Autumn 2025.

Other experience

In Civil Law, Anushka was on the Government Legal Department's Attorney General's Junior Panel of counsel and has experience in drafting grounds in judicial review challenges. She has advised on areas including PI, infant approval, small claims, possession, and housing related matters.

Having had experience in crime in her early years at the Bar, Anushka has valuable advocacy experience which she has honed to apply to her current practice. Prior to pupillage, Anushka taught Public Law for the African Prisons Project to inmates in a maximum-security prison in Kampala, Uganda. She volunteered at the Bar Pro Bono Unit as a caseworker and has written for *The Justice Gap*. During pupillage Anushka qualified as a CPS Panel 1 Advocate. She has appeared in the Magistrates and Youth courts, handling a wide range of cases involving multiple defendants, vehicle interference, domestic violence, assault and criminal damage. Anushka accepts work *pro bono*, in appropriate cases. She is qualified to accept instructions under the Bar Council Public Access scheme.

Within Chambers Anushka was Head of Marketing Committee for three years , and continues to sit on the Pupillage Committee. Outside of Chambers she is an elected member of the Bar Council and Young Bar; she is a mentor, and through her work on the Bar Council she has appeared as a guest speaker on UNIT Chambers' *'Family law and more'* podcast in 2025.

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Qualifications

BA (Hons) University of Birmingham
Universidad de Salamanca, Spain
GDL, BPP University
BPTC, BPP University

Languages

Spanish (professional proficiency)

Scholarships

Human Right's Lawyers Association, Bursary Award
Sir Joseph Priestley Award, Inner Temple

Memberships

Anushka is an elected member on the Bar Council, from 2024 and a co-opted member of the FLBA National Committee.
From 2023, she has also been an elected permanent member on the Bar Council Young Barristers Committee and sat on the Bar Council Wellbeing Panel.
Honourable Society of Inner Temple
Family Law Bar Association
Association of Lawyers for Children
CWJ Legal Reference Panel Member

Areas of Practice

Domestic Violence
Family Finance
Public Children Law
Private Children Law